



The BookClub Kit

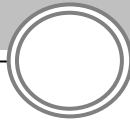
# Literature Guide

*The Restorer*

The Sword of Lyric Book 1

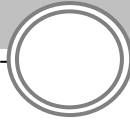
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## Getting Started

I'm so excited that you chose The BookClub Kit for your book club!

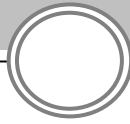
I want you to really enjoy hosting a book discussion group, find great books, and dig deeper into Christian literature, which is the reason for this package. So, if there is a part of this that you want to use in your group - do it! If there is something you don't like, or seems to overwhelm you - don't do it! Easy, huh?

**Pick what works with your own style**, and your friends' personalities, and make it your own. I've tried to include so many different possibilities in this kit, but there's no way you can do them all.

With that said, you can use this Literary Guide to **enhance your discussions** by:

- reviewing one of the themes along with your own experiences
- identifying a favorite character and delve deeper with the author's notes
- using one of the quotes to springboard into discussion
- discovering other books that are similar to this one, and using them to compare and contrast
- associating some of the novel's symbolism with biblical concepts
- cross referencing scriptures that tie into the story

An important point to make is that you don't have to agree with the conclusions in this Literary Guide. Debate it! Have



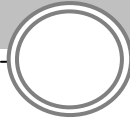
fun hashing it out! Simply look at this as a discussion starter for your group's meeting.

For this particular guide, the author has been kind enough to review it and provide input (including the detailed character sketches, which came directly from her notebook). Thank you, Sharon!

So, have a wonderful time beginning or enhancing your book club, and please let me know how your event went. I'd love to get your feedback!

Have fun!

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## Quick Storyline

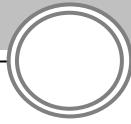
*The Restorer* is a unique fantasy novel, melding elements of both medieval legends and futuristic speculations. Worn by her daily life, Susan Mitchell, wife and mother of four, finds refuge in the attic getaway built by her husband Mark. From there, she discovers a portal to a new world and finds herself thrust into the land belonging to the People of the Verses, only to discover she is their prophesied Restorer.

As believers in the One, the People are poised on the edge of a knife blade. Surrounded by pagan nations threatening war, their Council is also fraught with unseen corruption because of the work of one member: the scheming Cameron. Though pockets of the People fight the darkness that quietly cloaks their land, many are beginning to forget their faith and the Verses given them by the One.

Lost in this unfamiliar world, Susan finds herself in the care of Tristan, a guardian seeking to save his people. Recognizing unusual gifts in Susan that mark her as a Restorer, Tristan rescues Susan from Cameron's grasp and secludes her away among his clan, Braide Wood. Though she faces the skepticism of some, such as Tristan's cynical brother-in-law, she is soon accepted as the Restorer and reluctantly begins her training as a guardian.

Susan wrestles to become worthy of her role while mourning her separation from her family. However, when Braide Wood is attacked by the pagan nation of Hazor and its children are demanded as tribute, Susan resolves to help. She is soon kidnapped by Cameron, however, and is dragged to the capital city of Lyric, where she is tortured and interrogated.

Her husband Mark rescues her unexpectedly, only to reveal himself a member of the land and son of the last Restorer.



Partnering with Mark, Tristan, and their Braide Wood comrades, Susan helps break Cameron's hold over the Council. Rallying the ten clans of the council to come to Braide Wood's aid, she leads the united clans against the overwhelming force of Hazor's army in a desperate attempt to save the People and reclaim them for the One.

## Key to the Novel

In her novel, Hinck has cleverly retold the essence of the book of Judges, and the cycles of "doing what was right in their own eyes," then being overcome by an enemy, crying out to God, and being rescued by a judge, or restorer, sent by the Lord. The subtle temptations of the enemy combated by the powerful Word of God are as real today as they were thousands of years ago. To dust off these biblical truths, Hinck pulls readers out of the present time and space into a simpler world, where it is easier to identify her themes and to draw parallels to real life.