

## ::: Reading Group Guide

1. The characters are three years older now than they were in the first book, *Crater*. How have they changed?
2. The Colonel says during the battle in chapter one, “Kill them all. Remember they’re only crowhoppers. It isn’t as if they are real humans.” So why did Crater disobey the Colonel and take one as a prisoner? What trouble does it immediately bring him?
3. Crater often does what others want him to do, even when he doesn’t like it. Does this make him weak? Do you like him better when he goes against authority?
4. Maria has grown to be a tough businesswoman who is used to getting her way. Do you like her this way? How does she change during the story, and is it in a good or bad way? What lessons does she learn? Why do you think she has feelings for Crater?
5. Crescent was genetically engineered to be a warrior who kills on command. Yet she is still human. Once she starts living in a different culture, how does she change?

6. Absalom, Dion, Lucien, and Carillon are crowhopper warriors who seem a little different than the others. What is this difference? Did you like or sympathize with them? What do you think will happen to the three young crowhoppers who stay in Endless Dust?
7. What do you think about the odd phenomena of lights and movement that has been observed on the moon for centuries? Do you think we should find out what is actually happening there? What do you think about what Crater and Crescent found in Alphonsus crater?
8. Would you like a gillie of your own? Why do you think the two gillies hate each other?
9. The Apps in Endless Dust are about to be joined by their family and friends. When others find out about the rich minerals they have found there, do you think they will be able to keep their simple life, or will outsiders come in and change everything?
10. What do you think would happen if a huge deposit of gold was found on the moon?
11. Crescent is a crowhopper of the Phoenix Century. Discuss what this means to her.
12. At the end of the novel, Maria is given the choice to stay in Endless Dust with Crater or leave. Which do you think she did?