

book club questions

SPARE

- What did you expect to read prior to reading Spare?
- Were your expectations met, or were they different after reading Spare?
- What do you think Prince Harry's intention was in publishing Spare?
- Do you think Prince Harry achieved his intention in publishing Spare?
- In what book format did you read Spare, and did you enjoy this format?
- Do you think Spare was the right title for this memoir?
- Do you believe that Prince Harry always did feel like a "spare," or that this was a convenient title?
- Prince Harry's face features dominantly on the book cover. What do you make of this choice?
- If you were to select the book cover for Spare, what would you select?
- Describe Spare in one word/phrase/sentence.
- Describe Prince Harry in one word/phrase/sentence.
- Is your description of Prince Harry different than it would have been before you read Spare?
- Do you view anyone in the royal family differently after reading Spare?
- Did you learn anything new in Spare?
- Spare is comprised of three distinct parts. Did any one part, in particular, stand out to you?
- Spare begins at the time of Princess Diana's death and ends at the time of Queen Elizabeth's death. Do you think this was intentional? Why?

- How does Prince Harry view his mother?
- Hypothetically speaking, how may Harry's life have been different if his mother had not died?
- What theme(s) dominated Spare from your perspective as a reader?
- Spare was written with/by a ghostwriter. How did this impact your experience?
- Was Spare unfairly biased or one-sided?
- Do you believe the accounts in Spare were all true?
- Discuss the role of perspective in this memoir.
- Discuss the role of grief in Prince Harry's life.
- Discuss how the royal family managed (or mismanaged) grief.
- Discuss the role of the media in Prince Harry's life.
- Do you believe the media printed false stories and/or colluded with the royals against Prince Harry and Meghan Markle?
- Discuss the role of fame in Prince Harry's life.
- Discuss the role of race in this memoir.
- Prince Harry spends a lot of time discussing his military service. What significance did it have in his life?
- Prince Harry does not discuss his childhood (pre-Princess Diana's death) in Spare. Why do you think he made this choice?
- Did anything in Spare shock you?
- Prince Harry has a lot of nicknames. Which one was your favorite?
- Prince Harry discusses his private life (and parts) a lot in this memoir. Why do you think he did this?
- Did your opinion of Prince Harry or anyone else change after reading Spare?
- In many ways, Spare is a memoir of a dysfunctional family. In what ways was the royal family dysfunctional?
- How did therapy change Prince Harry?
- Do you think the royal family read Spare and, if so, what do you think their reactions were?
- What one story told in Spare was most memorable to you?

- Did you watch Prince Harry's Netflix special, Oprah interview, etc., and, if so, how did that impact your reading experience?
- There has been a lot of criticism of Spare. Is it warranted?
- If you could ask Prince Harry one question after reading Spare, what would it be?
- Do you think Prince Harry is happy now?
- Do you think Prince Harry will reconcile with the royal family?
- Who else's perspectives would you like to hear on the events discussed in Spare?
- What is your view of life as a royal?
- Does the monarchy need to change?
- Does the royal family need to change?
- What do you think is next for Prince Harry?
- Is there anything you wish was included in Spare that was not discussed?
- Do you think reading Spare was "worth it"?