

THE HYBRID SERIES | ONE

ENHANCED

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INTERACTIVE
**WORK
BOOK**



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- If you could select one of the eight gene pools from *ENHANCED* to join, which one would it be? (Inventor, Flyer, Giver, Artisan, Inceptor, Camo, Aqua, or Super?)
- Would you want to live in New Beijing? Why or why not?
- Did you relate more to the Naturals or Enhanced?
- What was your favorite part in the book?
- Which character did you relate to the most?



SCIENCE...

- What is CRISPR?
- Prior to reading *ENHANCED*, have you ever heard of CRISPR gene editing technology? What do you think the world will look like if gene editing technology works on humans? Would the ability to genetically enhance humans be moral, immoral, or neither?
- If you could have one piece of tech from *ENHANCED* what would it be?
- What did you think of Urban's social score? Would you want to live in a world where each person had a sosh?
- How were the ways the characters interacted with technology in *ENHANCED* similar to how you use tech today? In what ways were they different?

CULTURE...

- Have you heard of any of the foods mentioned in *ENHANCED* before? If so, which ones?
- What's some of your favorite foods to eat or make?
- Were there any cultural differences you noticed in the book from where you live?
- In *ENHANCED*, Urban celebrates Moon Cake Festival with her boyfriend Everest and his family. What is one of your favorite holidays to celebrate?
- Do you enjoy exploring new cultures? Have you ever been abroad and visited a new country? What was that experience like?
- Did anything surprise you about the culture of the Asian Federation?
- Were there any parts of New Beijing that you found interesting and would like to explore more?

ACTIVITY...

- Try a new food this week from a culture different from your own.
- Research a country you don't know very much about. Learn one new word in their language or find three places you'd like to visit in that country.
- What songs come to mind when you think of *ENHANCED*? Make a playlist based off of them. Be sure to send them to the author as she'd love to listen!

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Could you relate to Urban? Why or why not?
- Did the relationship between Urban and Everest remind you of Romeo and Juliet?
- What do you think our equivalent of a sosh is today? Do you think what we have today could evolve into something like what they have in Enhanced?
- Why do you think the Natural lifestyle outside of the Metropolis appeals to Urban?
- Would you rather live in the Metropolis or in the Outskirts?
- Do you think Urban is guilty of romanticizing how simple life is for Naturals?
- Do you think Urban is shallow for wanting Everest to hide who he is in order for them to live together in the Metropolis? Why or why not?



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ABOUT CANDACE

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Q & A WITH THE AUTHOR

Q: What inspired the story ENHANCED?

A: Enhanced was inspired by two events. First, when I was four years old, my family moved from Cleveland, Ohio to rural China.

I spent most of my childhood, and some of my adult, years living in China. I've always wanted to write a story based loosely off of my experiences and love for Asian culture. This became even more true during COVID when traveling back to China became physically impossible. Writing this series became a way for me to go back home.

The second inspirational event was a road trip in 2018. My car's CD player broke and I was forced to listen to the radio. An interesting program came on about CRISPR gene editing technology.

I was hooked.

Even when the program ended, my overly imaginative mind couldn't stop thinking about CRISPR. What would our world look like if people could select their own genetics? Most of all, what would it be like if you were born naturally but trying to make it in a society filled with the genetically Enhanced?

In stepped Lee Urban, a spunky girl determined to make it despite having all the wrong genetics.

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Q: What can you tell us about the main characters in your book?

A: Urban straddles the world of the genetically Enhanced and Naturals. She feels like she fits in neither society—like a fraud. Urban wants nothing more than to become an Artist and live in New Beijing’s Metropolis. In order to do that, she’s forced to play hide and seek with her genetics and get a high social score—both of which can be deadly games.

Q: Which character surprised you the most?

A: Coral for sure! I had very specific plans for her but she rebelled and well, let’s just say she blazed her own trail.

One of the things I love about Coral is how in a world obsessed with status and social scores, she doesn’t care what anyone thinks. She says exactly what’s on her mind. Thanks to Coral and her sass, I had to completely rewrite the end multiple times.

Q: How do you get into the right frame of mind to write for your genre/audience?

A: For my normal writing routine, I have two modes. Go to a coffee shop or, write in my shared home office with my husband. In the later scenario, I first 1) make sure said husband is absent (sorry, I love you babe!), 2) brew a cup of green tea, and finally, 3) blast my Asian fusion playlist. If I’m really in a rut, I’ll open up my old phone from Beijing and look through pictures of my time there when I first wrote Enhanced. That always gets the creative juices flowing.

Q: What do you want readers to take away after reading your book?

A: My hope is anyone who’s ever felt alone, like an outsider, or has had trouble accepting and seeing their own worth will feel seen, heard and loved. You’re not alone.

Q: What authors or books have inspired you as an author?

A: Nova McBee has played a huge part in encouraging me to step out in faith and seriously peruse this crazy life called being an author. I will always be grateful to her. Her Calculated series (currently being turned into a film with the screenplay writer from Narnia) is incredible!

Q: Why do you think storytelling is such a powerful way to share truth?

A: We’re bombarded by information on a daily basis. From texts, to social media, billboard ads, to emails. I personally can’t keep up with all of it, much less remember it.

Stories have the power to be remembered—to resonate at a deep, heart level. They can make us long for something more and point us toward true hope.

Q: What can readers expect from the rest of this series?

A: Deeper themes of identity, home, family and belonging.

Of course, there will also be death-deifying motorcycle races, interesting new worlds, futuristic tech, surprise plot twists, a hint of romance, and suspicious characters lurking behind every delivery-bot.

Oh, and more delicious food! Always food.

1. 危机 (Wéijī) - **crisis**
2. 干杯 (Gānbēi) - **cheers**
3. 加油 (Jiāyóu) - **you can do it**
4. 高考 (Gāo kǎo) - **high school placement exam**
5. 二胡 (Èrhú) - **two-stringed musical instrument**
6. 哇 (Wa) - **wow**
7. 全脑 (Quán nǎo) - **full brain; or extended reality, a made up word by the author**
8. 警察 (Jǐngchá) - **police**
9. 包子 (Bāozi) - **steamed pork bun**
10. 饺子 (Jiǎozi) - **dumpling**
11. 旗袍 (Qípáo) - **traditional Chinese dress**
12. 周 (Zhōu) - **common last name**
13. 成语 (Chéng yǔ) - **saying or proverb**
14. 哎呀 (Āiyā) - **aw man**
15. 汉服 (Hàn fú) - **traditional styles of clothing worn by the Han Chinese**
16. 红包 (Hóng bǎo) - **red envelope, traditionally given to children during CNY**
17. 天阿 (Tiān ā) - **"heavens!" or "oh my!"**
18. 阿姨 (Āyí) - **auntie or aunt**
19. 阿姨好 (Āyí hǎo) - **"hello auntie" a respectful greeting**
20. 山 (Shān) - **mountain**
21. 牌坊 (Páifāng) - **a traditional style of Chinese arch or gateway structure**
22. 谢谢 (Xièxiè) - **thanks**
23. 炒面 (Chǎomiàn) - **fried noodles**
24. 美 (Měi) - **beautiful**
25. 美女 (Měinǚ) - **beautiful girl**
26. 油条 (Yóutiáo) - **like a donut but without sugar and in a different shape**
27. 馒头 (Mántou) - **steamed bun**

