

IN *love* WE FIND OUT WHO WE WANT TO BE.
IN *war* WE FIND OUT WHO WE ARE.

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H A N N A H

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

The Nightingale





DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- ▶ How is the fall of France presented in the novel? Describe the changes that take place in Paris, Carriveau and throughout France.
- ▶ How do Vianne and Isabelle differ in their beliefs of on how to survive the war. Which character do you believe had the most correct view?
- ▶ Discuss the Free France Resistance movement. What inspired it, what were its motives, and how did Isabelle get drawn into it?
- ▶ Discuss the ways in which occupied nations resisted the German occupation, and how the Germans reacted to that resistance. What parallels can you draw between *The Nightingale* and *Anthropoid*?



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- ▶ Discuss Captain Beck's presence in the home as an occupier. How does his personality and actions compare to Von Richter's?
- ▶ Discuss the difficult choices facing German soldiers and French collaborationists in WWII. What did this book and *Anthropoid* reveal about the problems of occupation and collaboration.
- ▶ Is Vianne wrong to do whatever it takes to survive?
- ▶ How is the Holocaust presented in the novel? What did the scene at the Hotel Le Vi demonstrate about participation in the Holocaust? How does this compare to other sources or accounts that you've read?
- ▶ Describe the life of a WWII survivor. What do their experiences reveal?