

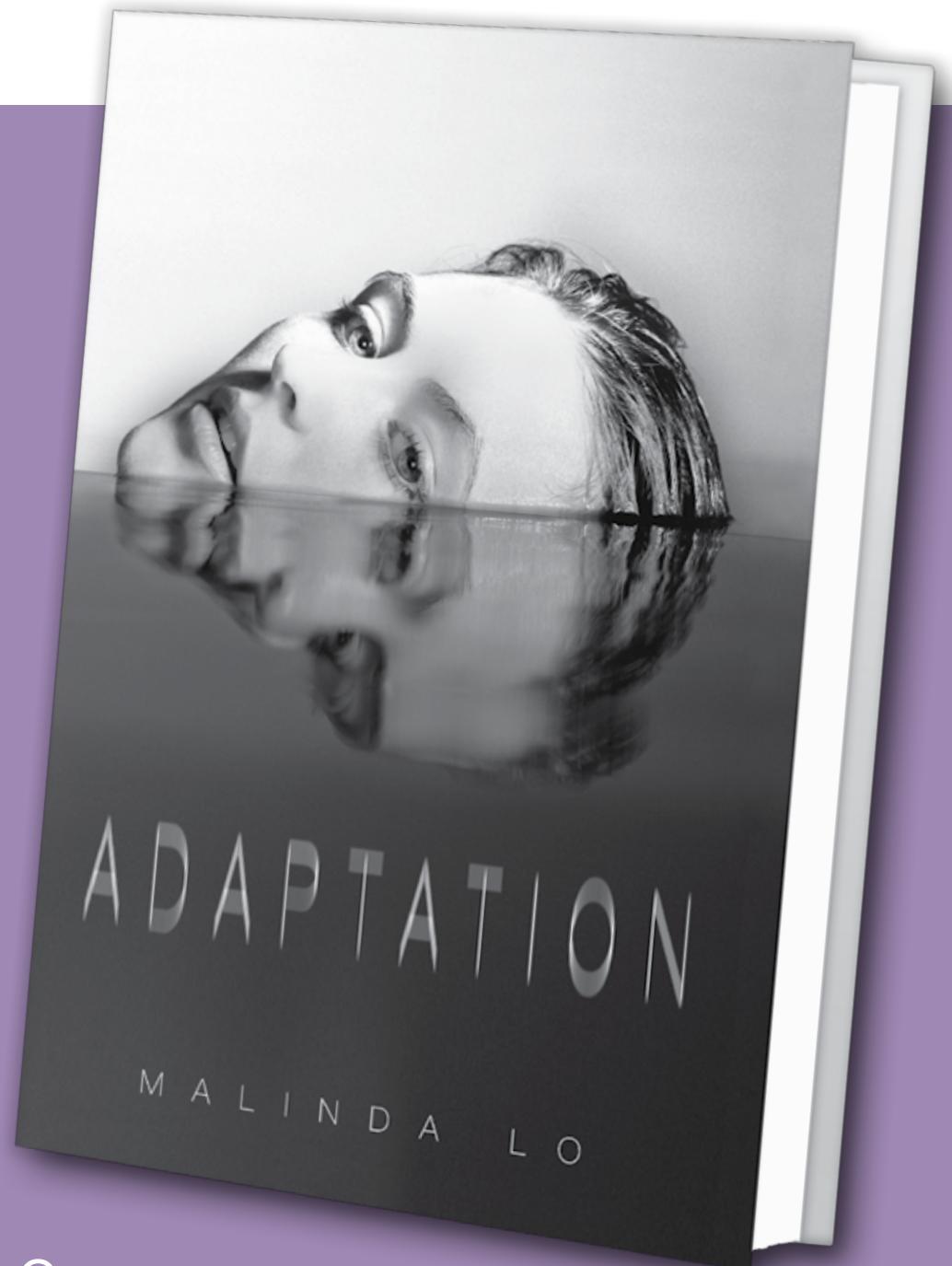
educator's guide

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Curriculum connections

- ❖ Science-Fiction
- ❖ Social Issues
- ❖ Sexuality

Ages: 15 & Up



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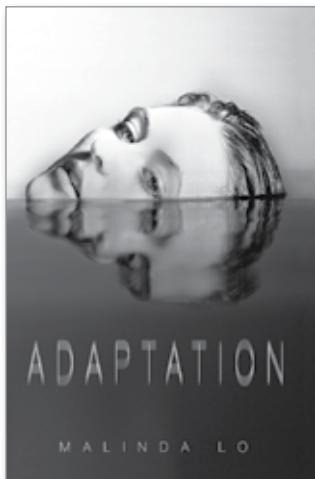
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Once Reese and David leave the airport to drive home, they have no control over their destiny. How do their lives spin out of control? How do they regain control?
2. After Mr. C is killed in Las Vegas, David and Reese face a difficult decision. What are their choices? What rationale do they use to make their decision? What, if any, are their regrets?
3. Why does Reese vow to steer clear of any and all romantic entanglements? Why does her commitment to remain uninvolved fail?
4. Why is Reese's relationship with her father so strained? How does her father prove to her that he wants to restore their relationship? How does Reese respond, and why does she respond this way?
5. When Reese and Amber's relationship begins, why is Reese so surprised and confused by her feelings? How does Julian react to their relationship? What is Reese's mother's reaction?
6. What is Reese's recurring dream? How does Reese satisfy the desire to fulfill her dream? What role does the room she dreams about play in her life?
7. How do David and Reese's parents react when they return home? What do their parents know about the car wreck and their medical treatment?
8. What new physical and emotional abilities do David and Reese exhibit after their surgeries? Are their new abilities the next step in human evolution, or does it make them something else entirely?
9. After Reese and David are taken from their homes and returned to Blue Base, what do they learn about the operations they received after the car wreck? How do they react to the news?
10. How does the relationship between Reese and David change as a result of their shared experience? How do their new abilities bring them closer together?
11. Why does Amber betray Reese? How does Amber make amends for her betrayal?
12. Who are the Imria? Why do they want to help Reese and David escape from Blue Base?
13. What are the differences between the project at Plato and the project at Blue Base? Who works for each organization? Why do people at both organizations want Reese and David?
14. How do Reese and David's parents succeed in rescuing them from Blue Base? How do Reese and David ensure they will be safe from both the government and the Imria?
15. How does Julian help support Reese, David, and their parents throughout the ordeal?
16. Does Amber's experience as an Imria on Earth parallel or contrast with Reese's journey in Adaptation? How and why?

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about the book



Adaptation
by Malinda Lo
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Reese and David don't remember what happened to them after their car accident on the Extraterrestrial Highway, including the 21 days of care at the military hospital in Nevada. The doctors and colonels won't tell Reese and David what the extent of their injuries were or how they were healed, and Reese suspects she was involved in more than just a car crash. On their return, worldwide bird strikes resulting in plane crashes have grounded air travel, David won't talk to her, and she could swear she's seen her military doctors around the neighborhood. Soon Reese realizes that she is in the middle of a conspiracy that the government has worked for decades to keep secret.

about the author



Malinda Lo is the acclaimed author of *Ash* and was a finalist for the Lambda Award, Norton Award, and Morris Award among others. As a former journalist, she won an award for her work in LGBT media. She now lives in Northern California with her partner and their dog.

Praise for *Adaptation*

“Lo’s dialogue rings true...” —*Kirkus Reviews*

“...the alien-conspiracy theory element and the fast pacing ought to draw in many readers.”

—*School Library Journal*

“A clever, fast-paced, romantic adventure chock full of unexpected twists and surprises.” —Holly Black

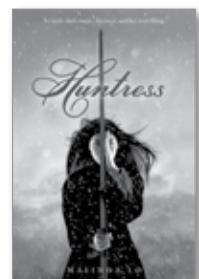
“Starts with a bang and doesn’t stop rocking, and has a sexy bad...girl.” —Sarah Rees Brennan

“Adaptation will have you looking skyward and believing in conspiracies again.” —Cindy Pon

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