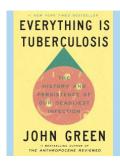
## **Discussion Guide**



Everything is Tuberculosis: The History and Persistence of Our Deadliest Infection
John Green

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## Summary

In 2019, author John Green met Henry Reider, a young tuberculosis patient at Lakka Government Hospital in Sierra Leone. In *Everything Is Tuberculosis*, John tells Henry's story, woven through with the scientific and social histories of how tuberculosis has shaped our world—and how our choices will shape the future of tuberculosis.

## Questions

- 1. Were you surprised to learn about the present-day prevalence of tuberculosis? Or were you already familiar with how deadly it remains today?
- 2. What does Green argue are the reasons we choose not to fully cure tuberculosis despite the availability of effective treatments? Do you agree with his analysis?
- 3. How does Green use personal narratives, like that of Henry fighting tuberculosis in Sierra Leone, to further his arguments?
- 4. Discuss this quote from the book: "The way we symbolize disease ends up shaping the way we experience and respond to disease."
- 5. What impact could this book have in shifting the collective will around tuberculosis?
- 6. Did you find the book ultimately saddening, or hopeful?

