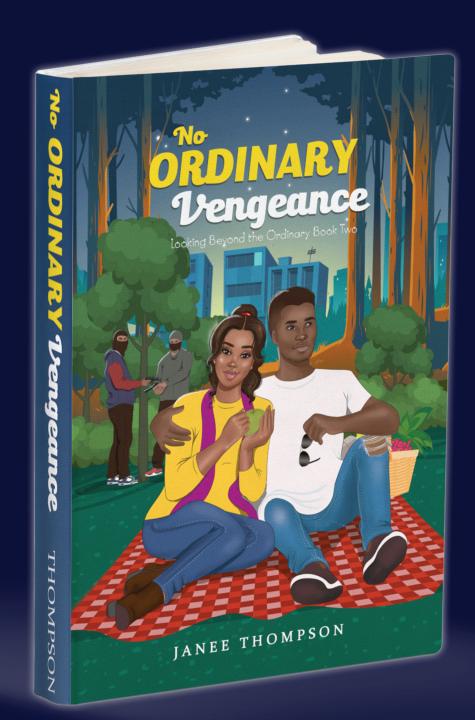
## **No ORDINARY Dengeance** DISCUSSION GUIDE





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1. Who do you believe is the culprit behind Jarell and Jade's kidnapping? What clues lead you to believe this is true?

2. Why is Jarell apprehensive about going to therapy? Why might going to therapy be scary for a teenager?

3. How has Jade's relationship with school and popularity changed over time? What events contributed to these changes?

4. What factors led to Jade's ultimate decision around her dating situation with Jarell? Were the reasons she shared valid? Why or why not?

5. How does Jarell's personality and outlook on life as a child compare to his personality and outlook on life today?

6. Consider this quote – "If you live under my roof, you play by my rules." How does this quote relate to Jade's situation with her mother? How does that quote play a role in your household?

7. What are Jade's frustrations with her mother? What competing values are creating the tension between Jade and her mother?

8. What does independence mean? When should more independence be granted to a teenager who is transitioning from high school to adulthood? What should that look like?

9. What events led to Jarell and his family's demise? How do these events connect/relate to the realities of urban neighborhoods in the United States today?

10. How has Jarell's experience with therapy helped with his internal growth? Why is it important for him to start fresh?

11. Was Jarell's mother to blame for all the things that Jarell went through in his life? If so, why? If not, why not?

12. What predictions do you have about Jarell and Jade's relationship? Jade and her mother's relationship? Kylah and her relationship with her family?