



Pushing the Limits of Knowledge Suggested Reading and Discussion Questions

This theme explores the concept of knowledge, and how it overlaps and diverges with information and learning. In your discussions consider what makes different types of knowledge important over time.

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Douglas E. Richards, Fiction. Kira Miller is a brilliant genetic engineer who discovers how to temporarily achieve a transcendent level of intelligence. But this enhancement comes at a high cost. When Kira is found to be behind a bioterror plot that threatens millions, special forces operative David Desh is tasked with hunting her down. But when Desh learns that the bioterror plot is just the tip of the iceberg, he is thrust into a byzantine maze of deception and intrigue, and becomes a key player in a deadly game he can't begin to understand. One that is certain to have a dramatic impact on the course of human history. . .

Richards delivers a smart thriller crammed with breakneck action, unexpected twists, mind-expanding science, and intriguing concepts readers will be contemplating long after they've read the last page. - *simonandschuster.com*

- Is knowledge the same as intelligence?
- What do you think about the idea of unlocking human potential for more knowledge through chemical enhancement? Would you try it?
- What is the effect of Kira's enhanced intelligence? How does it shape the story?
- How did this book make you reflect on how we gain and use knowledge?

