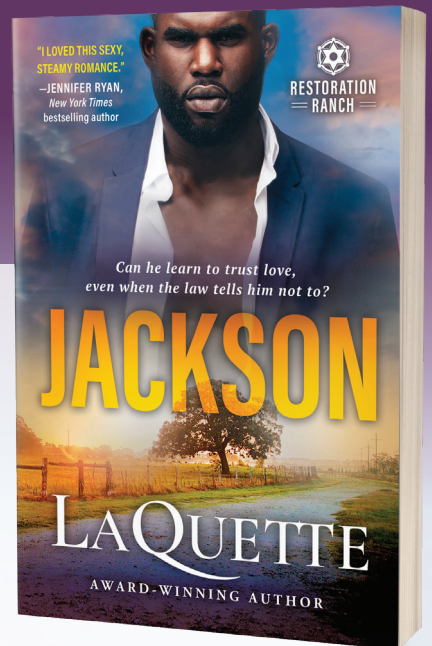


# JACKSON LAQUETTE

## DISCUSSION GUIDE



1. In your opinion, what made Aja and Jackson not just an incendiary couple but also a memorable, powerful couple?
2. What was the main emotional conflict that Aja and Jackson needed to overcome to achieve their HEA?
3. Why was family—found or otherwise—so important to the story?
4. Jackson is a Black man and a Texas Ranger. This makes him a unique character because we often see cowboys, ranchers, and country lawmen portrayed as white men. Do you think that influenced the author's choice of profession for him? Did you notice any places in the book where this intersectionality affected him?
5. Jackson is surly, mistrusting, and protective of the people he cares for. Was it difficult balancing the gruff parts of his characterization with the tenderness he displays toward the people in his inner circle, namely Aja?
6. What is the significance of Restoration Ranch, and how does it connect to the American Civil War?
7. Consent is something we see played out repeatedly between the protagonists. Both characters always check in to make sure their partner still wants the sexual act to occur. Why is it so important that we see it multiple times? Does adding consent on the page in this way take away the sexy?
8. Aja fights for what and who she believes in but doesn't fight for herself in the same way. Why do you think she steeps her motivations in those around her instead of her finally reaching for something she wants for herself?
9. Aja is very forward. She says what she thinks and demands what she wants. Does that make her less relatable as a character? Should she be so forward, especially when it comes to her attraction to Jackson?
10. Aja's refusal to listen to Jackson nearly gets them both killed. If she respected and cared for Jackson so much, why do you think she wouldn't heed his warnings about the potential danger?