

## Seeker of Stars Book Club Questions

Seeker of Stars has been called a “memoir of one of the magi.” How would you describe this book, its main character and what you take away from reading the novel?

**Dreams** play an important role in Seeker of Stars.

- How are dreams understood in Seeker of Stars?
- How do we interpret dreams today? Do we understand God speaking to us through dreams?
- What is the relationship between dreams we call wishes and dreams we have when we sleep??
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Melchior’s journey to Bethlehem is an opportunity for him to explore his **relationships**.

- Friendship plays an important role in Melchior’s life. What are the effects of Melchior’s various friendships?
- Melchior “printed” Balzar as a role model for fatherhood, and talked about his wedding night imprinting a pattern for his marriage. How does he move beyond old, broken patterns of relating to freshness and intimacy?
- What irritated you most about Melchior’s relationships? What inspired you?
- If you were to write a letter to someone to “allow all to be revealed and received”, who would you write to and what would you say?

Melchior’s family cast him in a certain role, but **God had other plans** for him.

- In Seeker of Stars, how does providence override fate?

**Vocation** has been defined as the place where our passion meets the world’s great need

- In what ways is vocation determined? In what ways can we choose?
- How does Melchior respond to a sense of vocation? What impairs him? What makes him believe in his passion against all odds?

Melchior’s accident renders his hand useless for many years – until he is **healed**.

- Melchior does not ask to be healed and yet his hand is restored. What is the relationship between desire/request and healing? What is healing in this novel? What role does willingness play? What role may faith play?

How did the book enhance your view of the magi and the **original Christmas story**? In what ways did you imagine the magi differently? What do you imagine might happen next for Melchior?