

Reading Guide for The Healer

1. The Healer has a large cast of characters. Were you able to follow along and stay involved in the story? Did everyone seem well developed to you?
2. Who were some of your favorite characters? Why? Did you empathize with Isolda, Breggan, or Uiseann?
3. Did the story world of Kerfdom seem real to you? What about the Alvian's gift of healing? Was there anything about this story that stopped you or kept you from 'buying in'?
4. What did you think of the Alvians treating the strength of their gift as a something to be traded through conceptions?
5. Most fiction is about universal themes like birth, coming of age, courtship, leadership, war, and death. How many of these did the author touch on? In what way did you respond to how these things played out?
6. Was there a hidden moral in The Healer? What do you think it was? Did you feel the author belabored any points?
7. Did this story change you in any way or give you pause for thought?
8. Does the story date well? Would it have been written differently fifty years ago or fifty years from now?
9. Dani Collins is better known for her contemporary romances. Would you try some of her category romances knowing they would not have such an intricate plot line and would lean heavily to romance and sensuality?
10. Did you like The Healer? Did you read anything about this story ahead of time that predisposed you to expect more or less from it? Is this a book you would consider 'a keeper' and read again?
11. Project into the future. What would you like to see happen with some of these characters?
12. Do you ever look up authors on line? Contact them? Why or why not?