

## Women Fight Back

### Discussion Questions for *Exit Velocity*, by Barbara Gregorich

1. Rowan and Keisha believe that women must defend what rights they have and fight for equality: fight back against oppression. In what ways are they required to defend their rights and fight for equality?
2. Which of the male characters is most supportive of women's rights? What are your reasons for thinking so?
3. Foreshadowing is a hint or warning of a future event. Is Rowan's lethal use of the steel crochet hooks foreshadowed? If so, how? Name two or three events in *Exit Velocity* that you think are foreshadowed.
4. What do you think of Lainey, Rowan's mother? Is she a strong person or a weak person? What are your reasons for thinking so?
5. *Exit Velocity* was published in June 2024. Do you think its message is even more important today than it was in 2024? If so, how and why? If not, why not?
6. What is Rowan's first encounter with Zeb Snoddy? How and why do they become instant enemies?
7. In what ways is crocheting important to Rowan? What does this skill offer her? How does this compare to Keisha's designing clothes?
8. How does this story of a woman fighting back compare to others you have read? What is your favorite type of woman-fights-back fiction? Why?
9. How does MaryEllen fit into a book centered around women fighting against inequality and violence?
10. Friendship plays a major role in *Exit Velocity*. Discuss the various friendships in the novel. Which did you like best?
11. The gun has been called "the great equalizer" between women and men. What does this mean? Do you agree or disagree? What do you think of the fact that Rowan wants to carry a gun when she's out alone at night? Why do you think she is right or wrong in wanting to do so?
12. Does this book give you hope? If so, how? If not, why not?