



A READER'S GUIDE

to

Geri Halliwell-Horner's



ROSIE FROST

Ice on Fire



❖ PRAISE FOR THE SERIES! ❖



“Readers will be bursting to visit Bloodstone Island.”
—SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL on *Rosie Frost and the Falcon Queen*

“Exuberant, action-packed, and warmhearted.”
—KIRKUS REVIEWS on *Rosie Frost and the Falcon Queen*

“[A]n effervescent fantasy series.”
—PUBLISHERS WEEKLY on *Rosie Frost and the Falcon Queen*

“An irresistible page-turner . . . Geri Halliwell-Horner can write!”
—PHILIPPA GREGORY, internationally bestselling author



DEAR READERS,

Rosie Frost is back with an exciting new story full of adventure and friendship on Bloodstone Island!

It's a new term at Heverbridge School, and Bloodstone Island is in turmoil: mutant animals are on the loose, jealous classmates want to bring Rosie down, and, even worse, there is a black hole to deal with! Rosie must discover what she's really made of as a fresh danger puts her new home—and all she loves—at risk!

This reader's guide provides lots of options for exploring the book—including suggested questions for a Rosie Frost series book club!

Enjoy! We know you'll love Rosie's new adventure as much as we did!

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❖ READING ICE ON FIRE ❖



Ice on Fire is a book that explores many different topics. Here are a few you might like to think more about!

Meeting New Characters

There are many different characters introduced at the start of the story. How might you learn more about them?

- ✧ Create a simple chart on a piece of paper. List different characters' names and then make notes about details you notice—what they look like, their relationships with other characters, how they talk with other characters, how other characters talk to them and/or think about them, etc. You might sketch a picture for each character or create a symbol to represent each of the different characters.
- ✧ Add to your chart while reading the book and think about how the different characters connect. Are you surprised by any friends or enemies in the book? Do you have a favorite character? Can you count on all the characters to tell you, the reader, the truth? To learn more about untrustworthy characters, search online using the key words *unreliable narrator*.

Solving a Mystery

Just like in the first book, Rosie continues to journal about her feelings and ideas (starting on page 4)! Follow her lead to solve some of the book's mysteries!

- ✧ Read *Ice on Fire*, paying close attention to details. Ask “why” and “how” questions about anything that does not make sense or that you want to learn more about.
- ✧ In Chapter 29, “Dear Someone,” Rosie writes about her feelings and seems to be trying to solve some mysteries about her life and Bloodstone Island. Read this chapter carefully and explore your own ideas to solve some of the book's mysteries—create a list, write a journal entry, sketch your ideas, or talk with a friend or family member about your predictions.
- ✧ To get even more ideas about reading a mystery book, search online using the key words *tips for reading mystery books*.

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Connections to Rosie Frost & The Falcon Queen (book one)

- ✧ Think about book one in the Rosie Frost series, *Rosie Frost & The Falcon Queen*. How has Rosie changed? How have her friendships changed? Did anything surprise you?
- ✧ In book one, we learn the Latin words *Animo* (courage), *Imperium* (power), and *Libertas* (freedom) as Rosie tries to find her power. These words guided Rosie throughout the story. How do these words guide Rosie in book two, *Ice on Fire*? List the words on a piece of paper and find examples in *Ice on Fire* that support them. These examples might be thoughts, conversations, or events.
- ✧ What are some choices that Rosie makes in *Ice on Fire* that seem different from her choices in book one? What are some choices that seem familiar to her character? Do you see any patterns?
- ✧ Rosie is older in *Ice on Fire*—it's a new year! Make a prediction of how Rosie might continue to change as she grows up. What changes do you think you'll see in the next book?

Explore More—Create a Rule!

In book one, Rosie shares her rule: “Don’t judge a book by its cover . . . Look deeper. There’s always more on the inside.” In *Ice on Fire*, we learn Sir Ludo’s rule is “Dream the world anew.”

- ✧ Think about Rosie’s rule and Sir Ludo’s rule. How do they connect to Rosie’s story in *Ice on Fire*? If you won the Falcon Queen games, what would your rule be? Brainstorm different ideas for your rule and then create something to share it!
 - ✧ **Create a bookmark:** Cut a strip of cardstock or printer paper to the size you would like your bookmark to be. Add pictures, images, symbols, key words, quotes, color, and, of course, your rule to your bookmark!
 - ✧ **Sketch your rule:** Sketch an image, symbol, or picture of your rule on a piece of paper.
 - ✧ **Create a vision board:** Write your rule across the top of a piece of paper or poster board. Add pictures, words, quotes, or symbols that represent your rule and vision for it! Remember that a vision board is a great way to explore interests, ideas, and goals. It’s a collection of pictures and words that encourage big thinking and is meant to inspire and motivate. To learn more about vision boards, search online using the key words *vision board* and visit our [Family Resource Guide for Rosie Frost & The Falcon Queen](#).
 - ✧ For all these activities, think about what colors represent your rule. Add those to your bookmark, sketch, or vision board!

❖ START A ROSIE FROST BOOK CLUB! ❖



Connect with friends and families to talk about the Rosie Frost series! Here are some questions to get you started. Add your own questions, too!

- ✧ There are many characters in the series you might love, and maybe some characters you don't. Were there any characters that you loved and felt you could relate to? Were there any characters that surprised you? Any characters that you did not like?
- ✧ Is there anything Rosie did in either book that you would do differently?
- ✧ In *Ice on Fire*, Rosie makes a lot of choices in her words and actions—with friends, in trying to discover the truth about her mom, and in defending Bloodstone Island. Talk about a decision she made that you did not agree with. What would you have done differently?
- ✧ Bloodstone Island seems like a character in the book! How did it affect the story? Make a prediction about what we might learn about Bloodstone Island in the next book!
- ✧ This book has a mystery, an adventure, and even a little romance. It touches on important topics such as protecting the environment, endangered species, the science of black holes, and more! What do you think the author is trying to tell us about these topics? What did you learn about these topics? Do you feel differently now about any of them?
- ✧ Share your favorite part of the story—maybe read aloud from a favorite scene.
- ✧ Make a prediction for the next part of Rosie's journey. How will her friendships change? What new adventures will she face?
- ✧ In *Rosie Frost & The Falcon Queen*, Rosie creates the rule, "Don't judge a book by its cover . . . Look deeper. There's always more on the inside." What rule do you think she needed for *Ice on Fire*? Why?

