

***The Going Back Portal* Book Club Guide**

Possible Discussion Questions

- What did you like best about this book?
- What feelings did this book evoke for you?
- Which character would you most like to meet? Why?
- There are a lot of good men in the world. But even now, there are men who control and abuse women. Is this in our human DNA or is it something parents (and society) can modify and improve?
- If so, how?
- The Trail of Tears removed American Indian nations from across the south so that white settlers could take possession of their land. What are your thoughts on the fate of the Cherokee and other Native Americans?
- Forest Water/Amadahy was a determined young woman. Do you sympathize with her desire to stay on her family's ancestral lands?
- Her decision to fight ended up causing her family to be blended with white settlers and others. What would you have done in her shoes?
- Did Kathryn try hard enough to resolve the situation Amadahy found herself in?
- How did you react to Nana's death? Her joy at having sacrificed herself to save the others?
- Grandmothers play an important role in this story. Did that resonate with you?
- What was the most memorable scene for you?
- What did you think of the book cover?
- What do you think the author's purpose was in writing this book?