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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1.** Why is it important that vampires can't use their powers on Bella? Do you feel that this will hold true if she is bitten?
- 2.** Discuss the dilemma that Bella now faces by having strong feelings for two very distinct enemies.
- 3.** If Bella were to join Edward in the vampire world, what role might Charlie play in her life? Would he be in more danger or would the Cullens feel a stronger obligation to protect him? And how will his role as "Chief" Swan be affected by her decisions?
- 4.** Compare and contrast the traits of Jacob's pack versus the Cullens and even the "Nomads." How do those differences help and hurt them when they are up against each other?
- 5.** Edward believes that there is no afterlife for vampires because they have lost their souls. Carlisle believes that his life can have purpose and has faith that there is a reason for it. What do you believe based on what you have read? What about the vampires that hunt humans versus the ones that abstain?
- 6.** Throughout the novel, Bella often puts herself and those around her in danger. Would you characterize these actions as selfish? Why or why not? What impact is she having on Charlie? Jacob? Her friends?
- 7.** Despite his pack's disapproval, Jacob still finds ways to help Bella. How will this affect his relationship and status in the pack? Will he ever be able to convince them of the reasons why he needs to be around her?
- 8.** Was Edward's decision to leave the right one? And how do you feel about how he handled the situation—especially convincing Bella that he didn't love her? What else could he have done?
- 9.** Bella and Jacob become fast friends, and while Bella needs him emotionally, she also discovers that being with Jacob helps her hear Edward's voice again. Has Jake been able to help her heal or does he stand in the way, even without knowing? What will become of their relationship? Will being a sworn enemy to her and Edward affect that?
- 10.** Stephenie Meyer has noted that each of the novels in the Twilight Saga pays homage to other literary classics. For *New Moon*, she has said *Romeo & Juliet* was the key inspiration. Beyond the main characters and the theme of forbidden love, what other similarities did you notice between the stories? What are the differences and how are they handled?