

**Reading Group Guide for  
*A Moonbow Night*  
by Laura Frantz**

(Spoiler alert—these questions assume you’ve already read the book)

1. What is your favorite scene in the novel? Who is your favorite character? Least favorite?
2. *A Moonbow Night* is my most historical novel to date. How does this story differ from historical romance? What contrasts did you note as a reader?
3. In Kentucky history, 1777 is known as “the year of the bloody sevens.” Those first settlers coined that phrase as it was a very dangerous time of strife and bloodshed, yet people were coming into the wilderness like never before. Would you have had the fortitude and courage to face a vast forest with only footpaths at best, buffalo and other wild animals, extreme weather conditions, and the constant threat of Indian attack? Why or why not?
4. Tempe Tucker is a prototype of real historical heroines in frontier Kentucky, women like Rebecca Boone, who was said to be equal to men in her fortitude and endurance as well as her sharpshooting. I had the pleasure of creating a heroine who helped play a part in winning the West as much as the frontiersmen did. Unfortunately, few women are given credit for their heroic deeds, yet I doubt men could have done what they did without them. In what ways—physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually—were women of that day indispensable?
5. Sion Morgan has had a challenging past, but like many men of his day, he presses on. Name some of his heroic qualities as well as those qualities you wish he’d had but did not find in the story. Keep in mind that we are all flawed and growing in grace.
6. Tempe’s father, August Tucker, is a captive of fear. How does his irrational, unfounded fear affect his family? How has fear held you captive in your own life? What steps have you taken to overcome it?
7. Sadly, atrocities among Native Americans and settlers were committed on both sides. The death of Daniel Boone’s oldest son, James, was particularly heartrending because it was committed by at least one Indian whom the Boones counted as a friend. Betrayal wounds in especially deep ways. Yet Daniel Boone was said to never have held a grudge. How is this humanly possible? How might Boone have escaped the prison of unforgiveness regarding his beloved firstborn son?
8. Did the Appalachian landscape come alive to you as you read the novel? What particularly did? Which season would you have enjoyed most as a pioneer woman in that time period?
9. What sort of future do you think Tempe and Sion have? How might Tempe’s life have been different had she wed James Boone instead?



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