

## Book Club Discussion Guide



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# Walking in Two Worlds

By Wab Kinew

## About the author:

WAB KINEW is the bestselling, award-winning author of *Go Show the World* and *The Reason You Walk*. A member of the Midewin and an Honorary Witness for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, he is a former journalist, hip-hop artist and television host who was named by Postmedia News as one of "9 Aboriginal movers and shakers you should know." Kinew, who is a provincial politician in Manitoba, lives in Winnipeg with his family.

Source: Publisher's website: (<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.ca/>)

## About this book:

In the real world, Bugz is a shy and self-conscious Indigenous teen who faces the stresses of teenage angst and life on the Rez. But in the virtual world, her alter ego is not just confident but dominant in a massively multiplayer video game universe.

Feng is a teen boy who has been sent from China to live with his aunt, a doctor on the Rez, after his online activity suggests he may be developing extremist sympathies. Meeting each other in real life, as well as in the virtual world, Bugz and Feng immediately relate to each other as outsiders and as avid gamers. And as their connection is strengthened through their virtual adventures, they find that they have much in common in the real world, too: both must decide what to do in the face of temptations and pitfalls, and both must grapple with the impacts of family challenges and community trauma.

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But betrayal threatens everything Bugz has built in the virtual world, as well as her relationships in the real world, and it will take all her newfound strength to restore her friendship with Feng and reconcile the parallel aspects of her life: the traditional and the mainstream, the east and the west, the real and the virtual.

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### Discussion Questions:

1. What did you enjoy about this book?
2. What have you read that is similar to this book?
3. What are some of the major themes of this book?
4. What do you think the author was trying to accomplish with this novel?
5. Who was your favorite character? What did you appreciate about him/her?
6. Think about one of the minor characters in the story. Why did the author include him/her?
7. Is the setting of the story important to the book? In what ways?
8. Are you satisfied with the ending? Why or why not?
9. Have you ever experienced anything similar to the action of this novel?
10. Did you find this book a quick read? Why or why not?

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11. What were your concerns about this book?
12. What scene do you remember best? Why do you think that is?
13. If this book was made into a movie, who would you cast in the title roles?
14. If the book you are discussing has chapter titles, take a second look. Why do you think the author selected those titles? Are they hints to what's going to come in the chapter? Are there any that didn't make sense?

Source: Multnomah County Library (<https://multcolib.org/talk-it-book-groups-kids>)