

### HOPE AT DAWN Reader Discussion Questions

1. Friedrich resents the language law, which he sees as a threat to maintaining his family's ties to their German heritage. What traditions, religious or cultural, would you find it difficult to give up?
2. Elsa often talks about how things are darkest right before the dawn. How is this true for both Livy and Friedrich? Has there been a time in your life when you've felt this way?
3. Faced with similar prejudice as the German-Americans during WWI, would you choose to stand silently, as Friedrich feels he must throughout most of the book, or would you take a stand, regardless of the consequences?
4. Both Friedrich and Livy react with prejudice toward each other at their second meeting, only to learn later the error of those impressions. Have there been people in your life whom you perceived to be a certain way but later discovered your initial judgments were wrong, for good or ill?
5. Livy worries constantly about her brothers and their safety. Have you ever felt that way about a loved one who's moved away or left home for military service or college?
6. Having lost her childhood friend at a young age, Livy becomes extremely close with Tom and Joel. Are their family members you share a special bond with?