

## Book Club Question For Beyond Control

1. Did you feel the title and cover made you want to read the book?
2. How did you *experience* the beginning of Beyond Control? Were you engaged right away or did it take you a while to get into it?
3. Did you feel that the book fulfilled your expectations?
4. How did you feel while reading it – amused, concerned, engaged, disturbed, etc.?
5. Describe Nick Barnes:
  - What was his motivation and was it justified?
  - What were his personality traits?
  - What were his inner qualities?
  - What did he do a lot of when he wasn't focused?
  - How had his past shaped his life?
  - How did you find the advancement of his relationship with Sue?
  - Did he further grow during the story?
6. Describe Sue:
  - What was her motivation?
  - What were her personality traits?
  - How did you find the advancement of her relationship with Nick?
  - Did she further grow during the story?
7. Do you think you would have made the same choices as Nick, Sue, and their team under the same circumstances? Would you risk your life in the hope of saving many other people from something so bad?
8. Did Jack's murder come as a surprise?
9. Describe the plot – engaging, slow or fast paced, interesting, surprising, complicated, unpredictable, etc.?
10. What's your opinion of Hendrick Schmidt V's ethics and business practices? What about Carlo Da Silva?
11. Did you enjoy reading about all of the geographic locations the characters were in?
12. Do you think the settings were described in enough, not enough or too much detail?
13. What scene resonated with you most?
14. What surprised you most about the book?
15. Did you find any part of the book uncomfortable? If so, why do you think you felt that way?
16. Did you find the premise of a population control plan that becomes out of control plausible?
17. Are you now more concerned about genetically engineered food and pesticides?
18. Are there any passages in the book that you found insightful or profound?
19. Was the ending satisfying?
20. If you could ask Lawrence a question about the book, what would it be? (You can email it to him and he will answer it)
21. Has reading Beyond Control broadened your perspective and views in any way?
22. Would you recommend the Dark Seed trilogy to others?