



Pushing the Limits of Strategy Suggested Reading and Discussion Questions

What do we do when we feel overwhelmed? Where do we go when we can't see a place to turn? Communities are strategizing imaginative ways to find resources for creative solutions. This theme encourages your group to explore the concept of STRATEGY in solving long-term challenges such as climate change, armed conflict, or homelessness.

Nature's Confession

J. L. Morin, Fiction, young adult. When a smart-mouthed, mixed-race teen wonders why the work that needs to be done pays nothing compared to the busywork glorified on holovision news, the search for answers takes him on the wildest journey of anyone's lifetime. With the girl of his dreams, he inadvertently invents living computers. Just as the human race allows corporations to pollute Earth into total desolation, institute martial law and enslave humanity, the two teens set out to save civilization. Can they thwart polluters of Earth and other fertile planets?

The heroes come into their own in different kinds of relationships in this diverse, multicultural romance. Along the way, they enlist the help of female droid Any Gynoid, who uncovers cutting-edge scientific mysteries. Their quest takes them through the Big Bang and back. Will Starliament tear them from the project and unleash 'intelligent' life's habitual pollution, or will youth lead the way to a new way of life? *barnesandnoble.com*

- How do you feel about using fantasy to cover a topic like climate change?
- Does Boy remind you of anyone in our world, either in your personal life or someone you've heard about on the news?
- Did reading this book impact how you think about Earth's future? How so?
- Discuss the common reaction "there's nothing we can do about it". Can you relate this to the initiation ceremonies in the book, and if so, how?
- To what extent were humans freed, limited or enslaved by creating living computers as droids?

