

## Discussion Questions for *Lexicon* by Max Barry

Some questions taken or adapted from <https://www.paperplatesblog.com/blog/lexicon-max-barry-book-club-discussion-menu>

1. In what ways are words used as weapons, in the novel and in real life?
2. Did this book teach you anything about language, or make you think differently about language?
3. What did you think of the characters' adoption of famous poets' names? Which poet name would you choose for yourself?
4. If you could use words to unlock and control a person's mind, would you? If you would, what would you have them do?
5. Who do you like better — Wil or Emily? Why?
6. What were the most disorienting aspects of this book?
7. How did the book's physical violence compare to the havoc words wreaked?
8. In your opinion, what are the most powerful words in the English language? Can words be intrinsically good or evil?
9. Did the plot take turns you did not expect, or did you find it predictable?
10. Were there any passages or scenes that you remember well or particularly liked? Were you surprised by anything?
11. How do you feel about the way the book ends?
12. Would *Lexicon* make a good movie?
13. Would you recommend this book to a friend?
14. Are there any questions you would like to ask, or other comments you'd like to make?