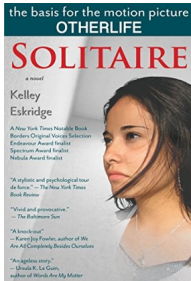




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Solitaire By Kelley Eskridge Discussed April 2004

Discussion Questions

1. How does this novel fit into the sub-categories of science fiction? Is this a cyberpunk novel? If not, what other books would you say *Solitaire* is similar to?
2. Do the memo and letter chapters in the book work effectively? Or, does that structure distract from the rest of the novel? Why did Eskridge decide to change the point-of-view in exactly that way?
3. The violent figures who actually appear in the novel are primarily women. Many of the victims (of both corporate decisions and violent crimes) are men. In addition, Jackal's explicit personal conflict is with Tiger, a man. What is Eskridge doing with gender?
4. The wrap-up for the novel is swift. Is the closing unbelievably quick, easy, or nice?