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## Tris & Izzie

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**Ages:** 12 Up

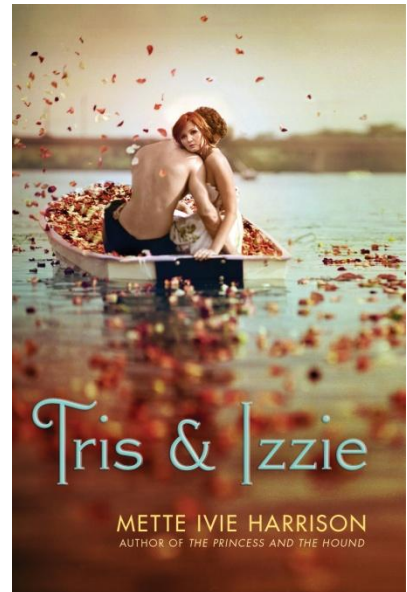
### Summary:

Izzie loves Mark, and why shouldn't she? The captain of the basketball team, he is kind and loving and he's everything she's ever wanted in a boyfriend. Her BFF loves . . . somebody, but she won't say who. So when a hot new guy, Tristan, shows up at school, who better for Izzie to fix up her friend with? And what better way to do it than with a love philtre?

But even the best of magic has a way of going awry—and Izzie finds she's accidentally fallen in love with Tristan herself. And that's a problem. First of all, there's Mark. Second, Tristan comes with baggage—like the supernatural creatures that keep attacking whenever he's with Izzie, and the fact that he comes from the place where Izzie's father was killed, years ago, by an enormous, evil serpent that's still around—and it knows Izzie is out there.

### Discussion Questions:

1. *Tris & Izzie* is a retelling of the classic love story "Tristan and Isolde". Do some research into the original story. How does it compare to *Tris & Izzie*? In what ways is it similar? In what ways is it different?
2. "I wouldn't really want him to love me because of a potion," she said. "It has to come from him or it doesn't matter." (pg. 16) Do you agree with Branna? If you had access to a love potion, would you take it? Why or why not?
3. When Izzie's parents met it was love at first sight. Do you believe in love at first sight? Explain your answer.
4. On page 19, Izzie says that "sometimes you have to get a guy's attention first, and then afterward you can let it be more natural." Do you think what Izzie says is true?
5. On page 47, Tristan says to Izzie, "He was doing what you *said* you wanted. There is a difference." Do you think that Tristan is correct in his reasoning? If so, what do you think the difference is in Mark doing what Izzie said and doing what she wanted?



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6. Why does Tristan not trust Branna? Cite examples from the text that prove his suspicions correct. At the end of the story, do you think that Tristan has changed his mind about her?
7. Why do you think Izzie's mother lied to Izzie about her magic? Do you think she made the right decision?
8. Tristan's magic comes through metal, Izzie is an elemental sorceress, and her mother is a witch. If you could choose, which power would you prefer to have? Defend your choice.
9. Izzie thinks that Tristan is her destiny. Do you believe there is such a thing as destiny? Do you believe that you have one? If so, what is it?
10. At the end of the story, Izzie thinks that the world is ready to be told about magic. How do you think people would react if they found out that magic was real? How do you think *you* would react?

### Tris & Izzie

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