

## DISCUSSION TOPICS FOR HAWAI'I RAGE by Tori Eldridge

🌴 Tori Eldridge is a Native Hawaiian author from Honolulu. In what ways did the author's kanaka maoli perspective impact, inform, and enrich *Hawai'i Rage*? Did it feel authentic to you? Did it change your previous perception of Hawai'i? If so, in what ways?

🌴 Did you know there were cowboys in Hawai'i? What did you find most interesting about paniolo? How did the paniolo characters in this story differ from the cowboys you know of from life, history, or media? Is there something about the Hawaiian culture that makes them unique?

🌴 Although most of the action takes place on or is related to Hiapo Ranch, how did Makalani's ranger position at Pu'ukoholā Heiau National Historic Site entwine with the mystery and deepen the authenticity of *Hawaii Rage*?

🌴 How did you feel as you read words and phrases from 'ōlelo Hawai'i (Native Hawaiian language), Hawaiian Pidgin English, and wala'au kanaka (paniolo talk)? Did you glean the meaning from the context, or use the glossary? As with visiting the islands, did reading the phrases flow more naturally the longer you were there? What value (if any) do you think including indigenous language in contemporary fiction provides?

🌴 When Tori narrated the audiobooks, she voiced over 58 male and female characters between the ages of 97 and 8 years old. Who were your favorite characters and why? How did their personalities and relationships go against stereotype expectations?

🌴 How do 97-year-old Kupunakāne (Luke Hiapo), his 92-year-old neighbor, Ho'olohe Reed, and Makalani's 85-year-old grandmother compare to the elderly people in your family and in other parts of your life? What elements and/or value did these kupuna (elders) bring to *Hawai'i Rage*?

🌴 If you listened to the audiobook, how did you feel about the author's narration?

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Mahalo for reading and discussing *Hawai'i Rage*. Please consider posting a review!

