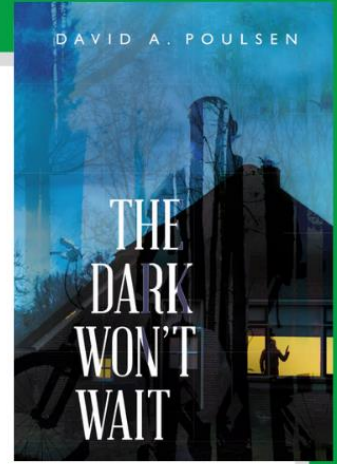


# **“The Dark Won’t Wait” by David A. Poulsen**



## **Discussion Questions**

1. At the beginning of the novel, Dom is pressured into auditioning for the school play. What other times did Dom feel positive pressure to step out of his comfort zone?
2. Dom’s mom Libby plays a huge April Fool’s joke on him. Why do you think that humorous moments are needed in a thriller like this one?
3. Why do you think Dom is so shocked about the racism that Farhad experiences both at his family’s pharmacy and at school?
4. Dom and Mia feel helpless to support Farhad at moments in the novel. Why do you think it is so difficult for them to know what to say and how to act around of their friend? What do they learn about being “white saviors” and unintentional racism through their experiences?
5. There are many moments from the play that are echoed throughout the novel. List three examples of Dom’s reality reflecting his experience in the play.
6. At the end of the novel, David A. Poulsen shares an author interview. What questions would you ask the author about “The Dark Won’t Wait” or about his writing experience?

