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THE GREAT TRANSITION

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ONLINE AUTHOR TALK

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with Gibson Fay-LeBlanc of
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Discussion Questions (provided by Nick Fuller Googins!)

1. Larch grew up in a near-future, much-changed Downeast climate, with wildfires and animal migrations. How have you seen the climate and environment change here in Maine over your lifetime, as global temperatures continue to rise?

2 Kristina feels deeply that justice has not been served for those who caused the climate crisis, and with the Furies, takes matters into her own hands. In 2024, the CEO of United Healthcare was gunned down in Midtown Manhattan, causing some readers to draw parallels with Kristina and the Furies. What did you think of the United Healthcare CEO's killing? Is assassination ever justified?

“Enlivened by startlingly poetic renderings and cadences, Googin’s world is one that only an unbridled imagination could create and that only a pragmatic and generously empathetic understanding of the human condition could make believable.”

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3. *The Great Transition* has been called a dystopia, and at the same time it has been called a utopia. Where along the spectrum between dystopia and utopia, do you see the novel fall, and why?