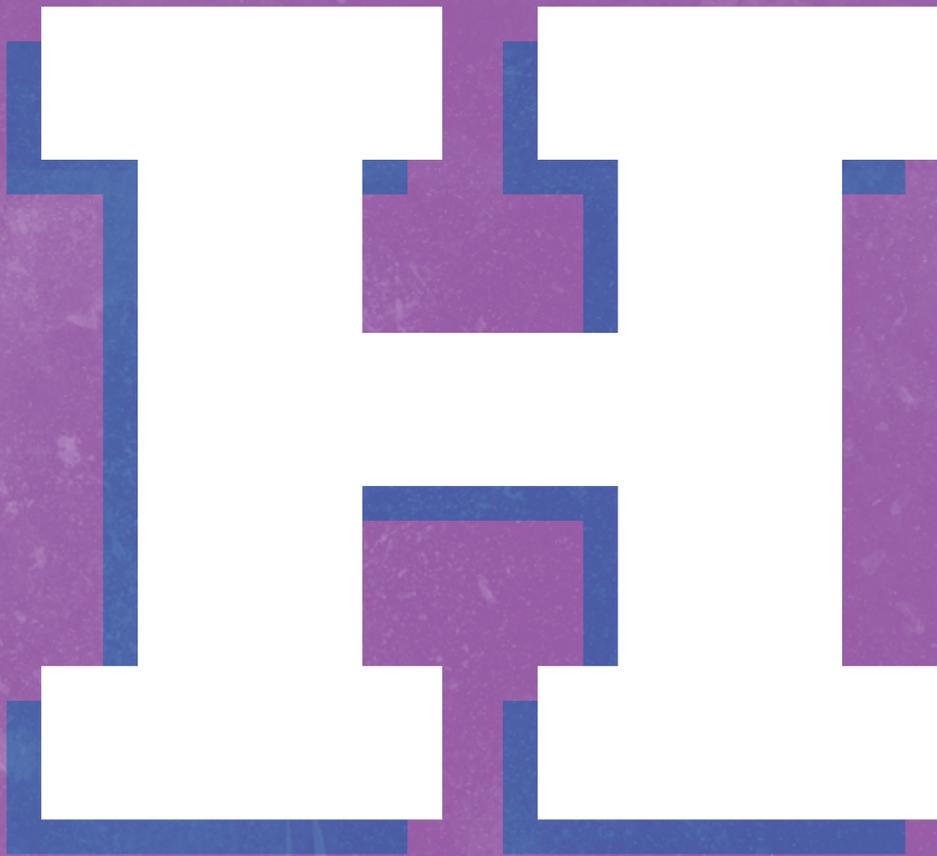


# Book Review Discussion Questions



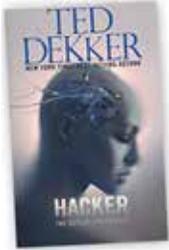
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# DISCUSSION TOPICS

## Hacker



This science fiction novel by Ted Dekker is part of the “Outlaw Chronicles” series published by Worthy Publishing, a trademark of Worthy Media Inc.

*Hacker* is written for adults.

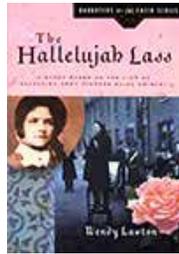
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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. According to Austin (through most of the novel), what makes a person alive? What does he discover about the importance of the mind versus the heart? How might you let your mind be used by God? How might you allow your heart to be directed by Him?
2. What does *deditio* mean, and why is it critical for Austin? When have you desperately tried to think yourself out of a problem rather than letting go and trusting in God’s power?
3. What does Nyah initially feel about God after losing her family members in a car wreck? What does her mother tell her about death and eternity? Do you believe this? Explain.
4. Why does God allow people to suffer, according to this book? Do you agree with this explanation? Explain. To what promises

can you cling in the midst of suffering?

## The Hallelujah Lass



This juvenile fiction book in the “Daughters of the Faith” series by Wendy Lawton is published by Moody Publishers. *The Hallelujah Lass* is written for

kids ages 8 to 12.

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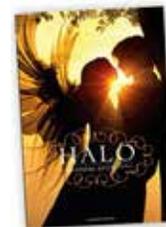
If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. How does Eliza’s understanding of salvation change?
2. Katie boldly stands up for Christ despite the retaliation of her husband, Jimmy Docker. What would give her that kind of courage?
3. Read 1 Peter 3:1-2 and see if you can account for the change in Jimmy. Eliza’s mother loves what she calls a fiery faith. What do you think that means? Is that kind of faith superior to other kinds? What other kinds are there, and how might they be used just as effectively? How would you describe your faith?
4. Eliza’s mother encourages her daughter to finish the linens for her bottom drawer. What did

that represent in her culture? Do you think she ever finished?

5. Think about the wonderful women who mentor Eliza in her young faith—her mother, Sister Reynolds, Beck and Annie. What does Eliza learn from each one?
6. How easy would it have been for Eliza to turn her head away from the social ills around her? Is there anything you have a burden for that you have not fully responded to yet?
7. Relationships are important to girls and women. How do Eliza and Beck model godly friendship? Do you have any friendships like that? Have you ever prayed to God for a friend?
8. The more Eliza digs into her faith and focuses on service, the more her priorities and interests change. What are some of the ways she changes over the course of the story? What priorities and interests bring her satisfaction?

## Halo



This contemporary fantasy novel by Alexandra Adornetto is the first in the “Halo Trilogy” and is published by Atom in the United Kingdom and

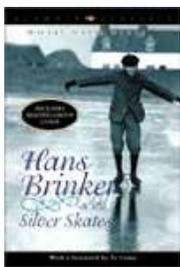
by Feiwel & Friends, a division of Macmillan, in the United States. *Halo* is written for ages 12 and up.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. How did you feel about the author's portrayal of angels? What did you like? What didn't you like? What does the Bible say about angels? (See Psalm 103:20, Matthew 13:41, Hebrews 1:14.)
2. Bethany chose to stay at Molly's party, thinking she could speak to her friend, than make a quick exit. Was she able to stick to her plan? Have you ever thought you could control a situation, only to find yourself in trouble? If so, what did you do? What should Bethany have done?

## Hans Brinker, or The Silver Skates



This historical novel by Mary Mapes Dodge is published by Aladdin Paperback, an imprint of Simon & Schuster's Children's Publishing

Division, and is written for kids ages 8 to 12.

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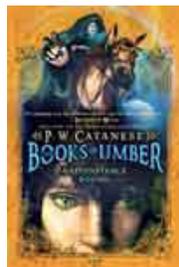
If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. What did you learn about Holland from this story? What is the significance of the legend of the boy who stuck his finger in the dike? How does it represent

the spirit of Holland, according to the boys on the skating trip?

2. How does the kindness of young people like Peter, Annie and Hilda make a difference in the Brinkers' lives? Think of someone from school who may be in need of help or friendship. How can you come alongside that person?
3. Which characters have a strong faith in God? How do they show it? How does their godly behavior encourage or influence others?
4. What does it mean to be industrious? How do the Brinkers display this quality, especially while Raff Brinker is incapacitated?

## Happenstance Found



This fantasy book by P.W. Catanese is the first in "The Books of Umber" series and is published by Aladdin Paperbacks, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's

Publishing. *Happenstance Found* is written for kids ages 8 to 12.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. Why did Hap read Umber's private letter and wander through the house when the others were asleep? Were these intentional acts of spying? How was Hap trying to understand who he was? Why did he feel guilty for spying? How would you feel if you did the same things he did?

2. What would change if you didn't have any memory of your past? Why was Hap obsessed with finding out where he came from? If you were Hap and someone like Turiana offered you answers to all your questions, would you have betrayed Umber to get them?
3. How would you feel if, similar to Oates, you were compelled to be completely honest at all times? How would your life remain the same? How would it change? What is the difference between being honest and being cruel with your words? How should Christians balance honesty with tactfulness?
4. What happens when Hap lies to Oates, telling Oates he truly believes the man will one day be free of his curse? What conflicting feelings does Hap have about his lie? Have you ever told a lie and felt inner conflict like that? What happened? What did you do?
5. Why did the good and beautiful Turiana become evil? What caused her to embrace dark magic? What other character(s) succumbed to the lure of power and magic? How can "toying" with sin and gaining knowledge of the wrong things impact your life? What does the Bible say we need to focus our thoughts on? Do you ever find yourself filling your mind with things that aren't praiseworthy?

6. Why does Prince Argent disapprove of Umber's printing press? How do you feel about his concern that if printing is made widely available, people will be able to spread their foolish and rebellious thoughts to everyone? How does this way of thinking mimic the ideas of some early church leaders, who wanted the Bible kept out of reach of the

common man? Do you agree or disagree with Umber when he says that once an idea is put forth, it can't be called back, silenced or taken away? Why do you agree or disagree?

7. What causes Lord Umber's quirky moods? Have you known anyone with similar symptoms such as mood swings, deep sadness, loss of interest in life? How did that person deal with his anxiety and depression? How did Umber handle the symptoms in a previous world?
8. What did Lord Umber's world of origin have that his current world does not? What happened to the world he came from? How does Hap feel when he learns about Project Reboot and the other technology in Umber's world? Do you think technology could ever be a destructive force in the world you live in? Explain your answer.
9. What does Turiana promise Umber if he will set her free? How does he respond to her tempting offers, and why does he answer this way? Does this situation remind you of any stories in the Bible?

## Happy Birthday, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle



This humor book in the "Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle" series by Betty MacDonald and Anne MacDonald Canham is published by HarperCollins

Publishers. *Happy Birthday, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle* is written for kids ages 9 to 12.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. If you could have Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle solve one of your problems, what would you want her to help you with?
2. Did any of these stories remind you of a problem you used to or still have?
3. Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle had some creative problem-solving ideas, but she also had to use magic to get the job done. How would you have helped the kids in the book overcome their problems without using special powers or potions?
4. What suggestions or tips would you give to the kids or their parents?

## Hard Luck



This humor book by Jeff Kinney is the eighth in the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series published by Amulet Books, an imprint of ABRAMS. *Hard Luck* is written for

kids ages 8 to 12.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. Describe Greg's extended family. In what ways are his family gatherings like yours? In what ways are they different?

2. What does Greg like about his relatives? What doesn't he like? What do you like most and least about getting together with relatives? Why is extended family important, even when they don't see everything the same way?
3. Where do Greg and Aunt Audra seek answers to the tricky questions in their lives? Where do you go when you need answers or help making tough decisions? To whom can you always turn for wisdom and guidance?
4. Why does Greg think about buying a used science project? What makes him change his mind? How does he feel after he works hard and does the project on his own?
5. Why is Greg upset about Rowley's new girlfriend? When have you felt left behind because a friend started dating someone or hanging out with someone besides you? What did you do? What are some ways you can make new friends?
6. What kind of a friend is Greg to people like Rowley and Fregley? Would you want to be Greg's friend? Why or why not? If you could talk to Greg, what tips would you give him about how to be a good friend?

## Harriet Tubman



This biography by Kem Knapp Sawyer is in the "DK Biography" series and is published by DK Publishing. *Harriet Tubman* is written for kids

ages 9 to 13.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. What laws does Harriet break by running away herself and eventually helping other slaves escape? When, if ever, is it appropriate to break the law or to disregard the rules?
2. After returning home to help her husband escape, how might Harriet have felt to discover that her husband had remarried? Why was it difficult for slaves to maintain family relationships? How did Harriet show her commitment to her loved ones?
3. Why was Harriet called Moses? Why do you think she was willing to risk her life to save others, including people she didn't even know? Who are the people and what are the issues you would be willing to risk your life for?
4. Where do we still see slavery today? How is this slavery different from the slavery Harriet Tubman experienced? What are some of the similarities? Why do some people still feel that it's OK to own another person?

## Hatchet



This coming-of-age book by Gary Paulsen is published by Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers. *Hatchet* is one of several books written

about the character Brian Robeson. It was originally written as a stand-alone novel, but since then Gary

Paulsen has written several sequels and an alternate ending. It could be described as the first book in the “Brian’s Saga” series. *Hatchet* is written for kids ages 10 to 14.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. What would you have done in Brian’s place? What kinds of survival skills do you have? Do you think most people would have survived as Brian did? Explain
2. Why doesn’t Brian tell his mother that he knows about the man in the station wagon? Should Brian tell his father about his mother’s secret? Why? When is it right to share private information about other people?
3. Should children still act respectfully if their parents are doing something wrong? Why does Brian feel bad about not speaking to his mother? How should you respond if your parents are doing something you feel isn’t right?

## Hattie Ever After



This historical fiction novel by Kirby Larson is a sequel published by Delacorte Press, an imprint of Random House Children’s Books, a division of

Random House Inc., and is written for kids 12 and up.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. What are some of the ways Hattie is betrayed by friends or co-workers during her time in San Francisco? How does she keep from becoming bitter and skeptical toward others?
2. Why does Hattie collect feathers? How does the theme of spreading your wings play out in this story? What are some of the single, working girl challenges that Hattie faces?
3. How does Hattie make the most of every opportunity, even from the time she starts at the newspaper as a cleaning lady? What qualities impress others and help Hattie get ahead? What is your dream, and how might you start following it today?
4. How do Aunt Ivy’s words help Hattie, even though Aunt Ivy never appears in the book? How can you speak to others so that your words will stick with them in positive ways throughout their lives?

## A Heart Full of Hope



This contemporary Christian book is the sixth in the “Christy Miller” series by Robin Jones Gunn and is published by Bethany House Publishers, a division of the Baker Publishing Group.

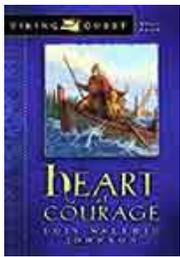
*A Heart Full of Hope* is written for kids ages 12 and up.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. How does Christy feel when she agrees to be Rick's girlfriend? How does she feel when she breaks up with him? What does she learn from her relationship with Rick?
2. How does Rick take advantage of his relationship with Christy? How could he have shown more respect for her? How does Christy stand up to Rick?
3. Why does Alissa ask Christy to promise not to go further than light kissing with a guy? Why is it important to set physical boundaries when dating?
4. Why do Christy's parents want her to get a job? What quality do they want her to learn? How can you show us that you're responsible?
5. Why is it important to put God first? How have you done this in your life?

## Heart of Courage



This historical fiction book by Lois Walfrid Johnson is the fourth in the "Viking Quest" series and is published by Moody Publishers. *Heart of Courage* is written for kids ages 10 and up.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. Who wants Bree to be released? Who does not want Bree to be released? Why would Mikkel refuse to release her?
2. Why is Bree unsure whether Mikkel's voyage will have God's blessing? What motivates Mikkel to go on the trip? Have you ever been motivated by greed?
3. Why does Devin want to return to Norway? Why didn't he insist on getting his way? Who has the final decision on whether Devin will return for Bree? How are his parents making this decision? Have your parents ever made a decision that went against what you wanted? How did it make you feel? Were you willing to trust that they were doing what was best for you?
2. At first, Princess Una is concerned only for her own needs and desires. Why was Una drawn to Prince Gervais? What attracted her to Leonard? What is likable about each suitor?
3. How do Una's past actions open her to the Dragon's kiss?
4. What draws Duke Shippingen to make a deal with the Dragon? What happens to him as a result?
5. Did Prince Lionheart make the right choice in his deal with the Dragon? What drove the Dragon girl to attack the Dragon?
6. How does this story help you understand Christ's offer of salvation? How does it show you His love for the church?

## Heartless



This romantic fantasy book is the first in the "Tales of Goldstone Wood" series by Anne Elisabeth Stengl and is published by Bethany House Publishers,

a division of the Baker Publishing Group. *Heartless* is written for kids ages 13 to 16.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. *Heartless* is an allegory. What truth is it trying to represent? Who is Una? Prince Aethelbald? Prince Gervais? Prince Lionheart? The Dragon?

## HEAT



This sports story by Mike Lupica is published by Puffin Books, part of the Penguin Young Readers Group, and is written for kids ages 10 and up.

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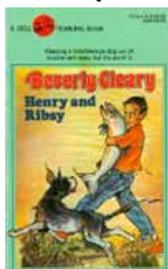
If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. Why do Michael and Carlos tell so many lies? How do they feel about it? What would you have done in their circumstances? What does the Bible say about lying? Are lies ever justifiable? Explain your answer.
2. Which characters would you consider heroes in this book? What did they do, and whom did they

help? How can average people be heroes? Who are some ordinary people you know who have done extraordinary things for others?

3. Why do Justin and his father act so mean toward Michael? How do you respond when people treat you disrespectfully? How does the Bible tell us to respond to such individuals?

## Henry and Ribsy



This humorous book is not in a series but is the second in a collection of four books that feature Henry Huggins as the main character. Written by Beverly

Cleary, the Henry Huggins collection is published by HarperTrophy, which is an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers. *Henry and Ribsy* is written for kids ages 8 to 12.

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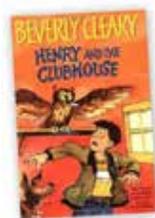
If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. Why does Henry want to go with his dad to get the oil changed? Do you enjoy tagging along with us when we do errands? What was your favorite errand with us?
2. What are some of the things Ribsy does that make Mr. Huggins angry? How is part of what Ribsy does Henry's fault? What would you do to keep a dog like Ribsy from getting into trouble?
3. Why does Mr. Huggins want Henry to take out the trash every day? What chores do you do for

us? Why are some chores paid and other chores done for free?

4. Why do Henry, Scooter and Robert wear sailor hats? Tell about a haircut you've had that you didn't like. What did you do to keep from being teased?
5. How does Henry remove his loose teeth? How did you lose your first tooth? Have you ever had a tooth pulled? Would Henry's way of pulling teeth work?
6. Why does Ramona think the PTA is something to eat? When have others spelled out a word to keep you from knowing what they were talking about? How did it make you feel?
7. How does Henry catch a salmon? Do you like to fish? What is your best fishing memory?

## Henry and the Clubhouse



This humorous book is not in a series but is the fourth in a collection of four books that feature Henry Huggins as the main character. Written by Beverly

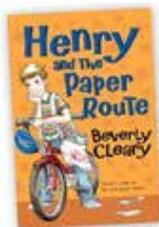
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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. Why does Henry have to take the bus home after riding in the U-Haul trailer? What does his father say about Mrs. Huggins helping with Henry's paper route? Have you ever had to ask someone for help with a job that you couldn't do by yourself? How did you do this? What was the outcome? How did you learn to take more responsibility yourself?
2. How does Henry get Mrs. Peabody to buy a newspaper subscription? What would be the most fun about having a paper route? What would be the hardest thing about having one?
3. How do the boys know that someone has been sneaking into their clubhouse? What do they do to keep the girls out? Is it fair to have a club that lets only certain people belong? Why or why not?
4. Why doesn't Henry tell Mrs. Peabody that his name is Henry? Has anyone ever called you the wrong name or mispronounced your name? What did you do about it?
5. What makes Henry decide to write a letter to Sheriff Bud? Have you ever written a letter to someone famous? What did the letter say? Did the person write back?
6. Does Henry get what he wants for Christmas? Tell about a time when you got exactly what you wanted for Christmas. What kinds of presents do you give others? Do you like giving people what they ask for or surprising them with an unexpected gift? Explain.

## Henry and the Paper Route



This humorous book is not in a series but is the third in a collection of four books that feature Henry Huggins as the main character.

Written by Beverly

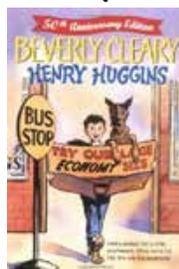
Cleary, the Henry Huggins collection is published by HarperTrophy, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers. *Henry and the Paper Route* is written for kids ages 8 to 12.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. How does Henry know that a boy his age has moved into the neighborhood? Have you ever moved to a new neighborhood or had someone move into yours? How did you become acquainted with the new neighbors? How did Henry meet Murph?
2. Why does Henry offer a free kitten to anyone who signs up for a newspaper subscription? Have you ever tried to sell something to your friends (e.g., candy, gift wrap or something else)? Did you like being a sales person? Explain. Did Henry's gimmick work? What should he have done?
3. Why does Henry put an advertisement in the newspapers for people to donate old magazines to his school? Does your family recycle old magazines and newspapers? Describe how you do this.

## Henry Huggins



This humorous book is not in a series but is the first in a collection of four books that feature Henry Huggins as the main character. Written

by Beverly Cleary, the Henry Huggins Collection is published by HarperTrophy, which is an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers. *Henry Huggins* is written for kids ages 8 to 12.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. Henry doesn't have a brother or sister, but he does love his dog, Ribs, very much. How would you describe their relationship? What kinds of things do you do with our pet (or would you do if we had a pet)? Do you ever talk to your pet (or would you like to talk to a pet), as Henry does? What kind of pet would you like?
2. How does Henry break the rules to get Ribs home on the bus? Why do buses have rules? What else could Henry have done? Tell about a time when you had to come up with a solution that didn't break the rules.
3. Henry is surprised when his two guppies multiply into hundreds. Were you surprised? Why does Mrs. Huggins tell Henry that he must get rid of all the guppies?
4. How does Henry earn extra money to pay for Scooter's football? What have you lost or

broken and had to pay for with your own money? Explain.

5. What part does Miss Roop assign Henry to perform in the school play? How does Henry try to avoid playing the part? Can you think of a time that your teacher asked you to do something that embarrassed you? What did you do?
6. How does Henry feel when Ribs rolls in the mud and won't perform tricks in the dog show? Tell about a time when you wanted to show off something but couldn't. What happened?
7. What is Ribs's other name? Who do you think is Ribs's true owner—the boy who owned him first or Henry? What surprised you about how the boys decided Ribs's owner?

## Here Be Monsters



This fantasy adventure novel by Alan Snow is the first in the "Ratbridge Chronicles" series published by Atheneum Books for Young Readers, an imprint of

Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division. *Here Be Monsters* is written for kids ages 8 to 14.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. What happens to those in the story who are orphaned, such as Arthur? What happens to those who were shrunk, such as the

underlings? What are some ways Willbury and the others watch out for their friends?

2. Why does Willbury refuse to shrink Cheese Guild members in order to restore Marjorie and the underlings to their regular size? What is wrong with getting revenge on your enemies? What does the Bible say about revenge?
3. Why is teamwork so important in this story? What would have happened if Arthur or Willbury had attempted to defeat Snatcher alone?

## Here, There Be Dragons



This fantasy book in the “The Chronicles of the Imaginarium Geographica” by James A. Owen is published by Simon & Schuster Children’s

Publishing. *Here, There Be Dragons* is written for kids ages 13 years and up.

Search for a review of this book for parents at [pluggedin.com/book-reviews](http://pluggedin.com/book-reviews).

If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. Imaginary and real events are combined in this book to create a mythology of its own. How does this cast doubt on biblical elements and perhaps make people think that the Bible is untrue?
2. John did not want to accept a task that he knew nothing about. Why do you think he finally decided to be a caretaker?

3. The Noah flood story was stretched so that it no longer lines up with the biblical account. What other stories were stretched in the same way?
4. Why do you think the author named each of the caretakers as a famous person?

## The Hidden Deep



This fantasy novel by Christa Kinde is the second in the “Threshold Series” series published by ZonderKidz, a division of Zondervan. *The*

*Hidden Deep* is written for kids ages 11 years and up.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. Why is Prissie so unfriendly toward Ransom? How does her behavior keep her from being a good witness for Christ? Have you or someone you know ever behaved in a way that made God or Christianity look bad? What happened?
2. How were the angels in this book like, or unlike, your own mental picture of angels? How does the Bible describe angels?

## The Hidden Staircase



This mystery book by Carolyn Keene is the second the “Nancy Drew Mystery Stories” series, the 1987 edition, and is published by Grosset and

Dunlap Inc., a member of The Putnam & Grosset Group. *The Hidden Staircase* is written for kids ages 8 to 12.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. How does Nancy treat her father? How does her father treat her? How is your relationship with your parents similar to Nancy’s with her father? How is it different? How do you value the authority figures in your life?
2. What is being said in Twin Elms about Miss Flora? What kind of rumors have you heard at school? What did you say or do when someone told you the rumor? How would you feel if the rumor was about you? What do you hope someone would say or do if they heard that rumor about you?
3. What is one silly thing that Nancy and Helen do with dress-up clothes? How did doing this cheer up Nancy? What is something silly that you and your friends have done? How did doing something fun together cheer you up?
4. What does Nancy think is the best solution for anxiety or

worry? What are the benefits of working when you feel anxious or worried? How can work be part of the solution? What does Scripture say about how to handle anxiety or worry? What do you do when you feel anxious or worried?

5. Why does the cab driver initially lie to Nancy? Why does the cab driver eventually tell the truth? If you were the cab driver, what would you have told Nancy? Explain.

## The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet



This fantasy story by Tony Abbott is the first in “The Secrets of Droon” series published by Scholastic Inc. *The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet* is written for kids

ages 7 to 9.

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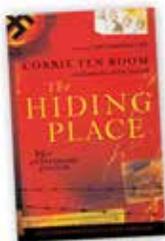
If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. What are Eric’s chores? Why might his mother insist that he clean the basement before he can play with his friends? What chores do you have to do? How do your chores help your family?
2. Who offers to help Eric clean the basement? Have you ever helped a friend with chores? What did you do? Why is it more fun to clean when you do it with a friend?
3. If you found magical stairs leading to another world, would you

take them? Why or why not? If you could choose one person to go with you, who would it be? What would you want to be in this new world?

4. How does Keeah write her message to Galen to keep its meaning secret? Whom doesn’t she want to read the message? Did her code work? Have you ever made a code? How did it work?
5. The children are told not to tell anyone about Droon. Why might that be? Have you ever kept a secret for someone? Why is it hard to keep a secret?

## The Hiding Place



This historical book, based on Corrie ten Boom’s life by Corrie ten Boom with John and Elizabeth Sherill, is written for people who are 13 and up and is

published by Chosen Books, a division of Baker Publishing Group.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. What are some of the behaviors Corrie’s father exhibited toward Corrie that remind you of the way your Heavenly Father treats and cares for you?
2. How do you think the training Corrie received from her parents prepared her for her experiences during the war?
3. Corrie and her relatives frequently had to decide whether or not they would lie to the

Germans, even though they (the ten Boom clan) believed lying was a sin. What do you think about the choices they made? What would you have done in their situation?

4. Even when Corrie’s mother was no longer able to reach out to people physically, she still managed to encourage her neighbors. How could you use your gifts and talents, however big or small, to help and encourage others? How can God’s strength be made perfect in weakness (II Corinthians 12:9)?
5. Corrie questions how Christians should act when evil people are in power. What do you think of her conclusion?
6. How did Corrie’s suffering alter her view of God and the Bible?
7. Do you think you could have forgiven the German soldier like Corrie did? How would you have felt, seeing him face to face? What does the Bible say about forgiveness?

## Higher Power of Lucky



This slice-of-life fiction book by Susan Patron is published by Richard Jackson Books, Atheneum Books for Young Readers, an imprint of

Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing and is written for kids 9 to 12.

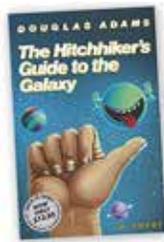
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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. Lucky claims that a gland creates the meanness in her. Where does meanness come from? What are the reasons she treats people—especially Miles—badly?
2. Why does Lucky believe that running away will help her take control of her life? How has running away from a problem helped or hurt you? When does your life feel the most out of control? How have you learned to release your control and hand your worries for the future to God?
3. What does Lucky tell her grandmother when Miles goes missing in the dust storm? What might have happened if Lucky hadn't found him later? What part does her lie play in this? Is it ever OK to tell lies? What does the Bible say about lying? Why does God want people to tell the truth?
4. How is Lucky able to keep going forward during bad times? What does it mean to take your life one day at a time because of the pain you feel on the inside (the tip Lucky learned when she spied on at 12-step meeting)? Have you ever had to live like that? Why does Lucky feel she has to live like that?
5. What does Lucky say about the moon toward the story's end? What caused the earth to have the right moon? What do people in the story mean when they refer to a Higher Power? Do you think they are talking about the same Higher Power? Why does the story use the words higher power instead of God? Who is the Higher Power in your life?
6. What was Lucky's final act in the story that stopped her from listening to other people's lives?

- What does this act mean to her? How did it change her life?
7. What does Lucky overhear about Miles at a Smokers Anonymous meeting? How does learning that Miles' grandmother has custody of him because Miles' mother is in jail for selling dope affect their relationship? What happens because of Lucky's eavesdropping? What has happened in your family or with your friends because someone listened to a private conversation? Why shouldn't children or adults eavesdrop on other people's conversations?

## The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy



This science fiction satire novel by Douglas Adams is the first in the "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" series published by Harmony Books, a member of the

Crown Publishing Group, a division of Random House Inc. *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* is written for adults but is often assigned in high school classes.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. What attitudes and beliefs do the characters in the book seem to have about God? What do they believe about the creation of the universe? How do these ideas align with or go against what the Bible teaches?

2. According to the book, why do events in life happen as they do? How do these attitudes align or fail to align with your beliefs about Life, the Universe and Everything?
3. Why do you think this book has remained popular for many years? Why do you think your teacher selected this book to be read by your class? What do you like about it? What don't you like about it?
4. What is satire? Which groups, individuals, institutions and other beings does the author mock? What point(s) is he trying to make about humanity through the use of satire?

## The Hobbit, or There and Back Again



This fantasy adventure book by J.R.R. Tolkien is published by Houghton Mifflin in the U.S.; George Allen & Unwin, Ltd. of London was its original

publisher. *The Hobbit* is written for kids ages 10 and up.

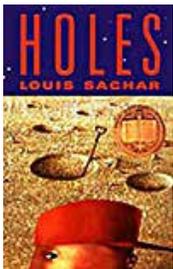
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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. Bilbo steals or tries to steal many things on his trip to the Lonely Mountain. Is it wrong for him to try to steal from the trolls? Why or why not? Is it all right for Bilbo to be a burglar if he is only stealing the dwarves' treasure back for them? How does Bilbo feel about stealing from the

- Wood-elves? What does he say to the elf-king about his burglary?
- Why does Bilbo not kill Gollum when he has the chance? Does he have a reason to kill Gollum? How does God's Word say you should treat your enemies?
  - Why do the Mirkwood elves imprison the dwarves? Why does Thorin refuse to explain the reason for their journey through Mirkwood? What are the elf-king's reasons for distrusting the dwarves? Do the dwarves have a reason to distrust the elf-king? How could Thorin's problem have been solved? Bard, the leader of the men, asks Thorin for some of the dragon's treasure. Why do his people need it? What is Thorin's response? Is Thorin's response fair and appropriate?
  - What is Bilbo's solution for avoiding war with the men? What object does he take from the treasure hoard and give to the men? How does Thorin react when he learns what Bilbo has done? Does Thorin ever change his mind about Bilbo?

## Holes



This adventure book by Louis Sachar is published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux and is written for kids ages 8 to 12.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

- How did Stanley deal with authority figures that were unfair? How should you deal with authority figures that are unfair?
- Who did Stanley befriend? What did he learn from this person?
- What does God ask you to do to those who others look down on?
- How should you deal with authority when those in power are corrupt?
- What can you learn by befriend-ing and helping those whom others consider stupid? Kids may be interested in hearing stories of their own family history after reading about Stanley's.

## The Home-Run King



This historical fiction book is fourth in the "Scraps of Time" series by Patricia C. McKissack and is published by Viking, a division of Penguin Young

Readers Group. *The Home-Run King* is written for kids ages 8 and up.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

- What do the boys learn from the Grays about teamwork? What does Mr. Munday teach them about working together? When have you been part of a team or worked with others on a project? What was it like? Why is teamwork important?

- What does Tank do to get himself in trouble? What are some of the consequences he faces for his bad choices? Have you ever learned from one of your mistakes the hard way, as Tank did when he tried chewing tobacco? What happened?
- What were some of Josh's behaviors that Tank tried to imitate? Why did he want to be like Josh? What has happened to you when you've tried to copy someone else instead of being yourself?
- How can you lose at something, as the Red Roosters did, and still feel good about yourself?
- Is it stealing to sneak into an event without paying? Why or why not? Did the boys receive a fair punishment for sneaking into ballgames?

## Horrible Harry Moves Up to Third Grade



This school-life book in the "Horrible Harry" series by Suzy Kline is published by Puffin Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers Group.

*Horrible Harry Moves up to Third Grade* is written for kids ages 6 to 8.

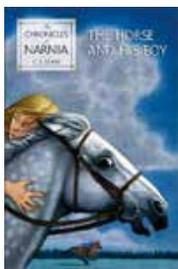
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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

- Sometimes starting a new grade can be tough. What was the strangest or hardest thing about it?

2. What will be different from last year?
3. Doug was afraid to go into the mine, but once he faced his fear, he felt better. Is there anything that makes you nervous or afraid? How could you overcome your fear?

## The Horse and His Boy



This fantasy adventure by C.S. Lewis is the third book in “The Chronicles of Narnia” series and is published by HarperCollins Children’s Books, a division of

HarperCollins, Inc. *The Horse and His Boy* is written for kids ages 8 and up.

The Calormene characters in this book use large vocabulary words and speak in proverbs filled with extended metaphors. Younger readers may not be able to decode some of their proverbs.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. Bree enjoys rolling around in the grass, but he is worried that other talking horses of Narnia will think he looks silly. Do you ever stop doing something you like because of what other people think of you? Whose good opinion matters most to you?
2. Bree is terrified of lions. Is he right to be afraid of lions? What is the difference between ordinary lions and Aslan? What is the difference between being afraid

and being wise enough to avoid danger? What does the Bible say about fearing God?

3. Calormen is a country where slavery is allowed. How are slaves treated in Calormen? How do the Narnians feel about slavery?
4. When a boy makes a rude joke about Queen Susan, Prince Corin punches him. What problems do Corin’s actions cause? What could he have done instead of fighting with the boy? What can you do if people say bad things about someone you love?
5. When Bree runs away from the lion in Archenland, Shasta wants to go back and help Hwin and Aravis. What does Shasta do when Bree won’t turn around? Later, how does Bree feel about running away? What does Aravis say about Shasta’s bravery?
6. How is caring for others more noble than caring only for yourself?

## Hot



This coming-of-age romance by Laura L. Smith is published by THINK books, a division of NavPress, and is written for ages 16 and up.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. What kind of an example does Kristine set for Lindsey? What kind of example does your behavior set for younger siblings,

cousins or other kids you know? Why does it matter if others see you doing something wrong or inappropriate?

2. How could Lindsey have prevented herself from starting a sexual relationship? Should Noah’s sexual past have put up any red flags for her? Why or why not? What discussions could they have had or situations could they have avoided to help ensure purity?
3. In what situations or circumstances are people most vulnerable to letting down their guards and giving in to their physical desires? What was going on with Lindsey emotionally?
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5. couple to sleep together—even if they love each other? Explain. What if they’re planning to get married? What does the Bible say about sex before marriage?
6. What was your take on Emma’s relationship with Peter? Why couldn’t she see he was using her for sex? How do our emotions sometimes cloud our good judgment? What does it mean to have self-respect?
7. What voids in Lindsey’s life did Noah fill? What empty spots can only be filled by Christ? What can happen if we look to another human being to fulfill all of our needs and take away our pain?
8. Why was choosing to follow God’s plan for sex so difficult for Lindsey? What did she fear she might lose? Why did she choose Jesus anyway, even if it meant Noah might not stay with her?
9. What are some possible negative consequences of having sex outside of marriage? Which is a more powerful motivation to stay

pure: fear (of STDs, pregnancy or bad reputation) or faith (in God, His plan, and His love for you)? Explain. What does the Bible say about sex within the context of marriage?

10. How does this story end? What do you think Noah will say in response to Lindsey's 'no sex' decision?

## Hour of the Olympics



This fantasy adventure book by Mary Pope Osborne is the 16th in the "Magic Tree House" series and is published by Random House. *Hour of the Olympics* is written

for kids ages 5 to 8.

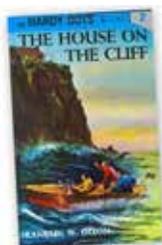
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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. Why does Annie become upset when she learns that girls are not allowed at Greek schools? Why does the mystery poet want to use the name Anonymous? In Bible times, Jesus treated girls with love and respect even though others did not. How are women in our country treated today?
2. What do Plato and the Greek athletes think about Zeus? Is Zeus real or only a statue? Have you ever seen a large statue? What was it made of? What did it look like and feel like? What's the difference between a statue and God?

3. What is the story about Pegasus called? Do horses really fly? How is a myth different from a story in the Bible? What is your favorite Bible story? Why? Why does God want us to know Bible stories?

## The House on the Cliff



This mystery book by Franklin W. Dixon is the second in the "The Hardy Boys Mystery Stories" series, the 1987 edition, and is published by

Grosset & Dunlap Inc., a member of The Putman & Grosset Group. *The House on the Cliff* is written for kids ages 8 to 12.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. Felix wishes he had made different choices in his life in response to the hardship he faced as a child. What are some of the hard things you have experienced? How have you responded to them? What are some of the choices you have made that you regret? What are some of the choices you have made that you are glad you did? How might your choices today be related to what you will do in the future?
2. When Frank and Joe find their father, they are really glad to see him. Describe a time when you and your family have been apart. How did you feel when you got to see those family members again? How do you think your family felt when they got to see you?
3. How do Frank and Joe treat their parents? How do their parents treat them? How is that similar or different to our family?
4. When Frank sees his father's cap at the Pollitt house, the men and women there give different stories about where the cap came from. Eventually they say they found it on the road. Tell about a time when you have asked a question and were given only part of the truth. Tell about a time when you felt defensive when someone was asking you questions.
5. The farmer and his wife are hospitable to strangers. How does our family carry out hospitality? What are some ways you have been hospitable to others at home, at church or in the community? What are some examples in the Bible about hospitality? Could there be situations where you wouldn't invite someone into our home? Explain.
6. Frank and Joe enjoy helping their father on his cases. What things do you enjoy helping people do? What kinds of things do you enjoy doing yourself?
7. Describe a time when you and a group of your friends worked together to help someone. Is there someone in your circle of friends or family now that could use help? How could you help them?
8. Biff, Phil and Jerry are excited to ride on the Coast Guard patrol boat. What exciting adventures have you enjoyed? Would you want to be a member of the Coast Guard? A state trooper? A detective? What do you think

would be fun or challenging about those jobs?

9. Frank and Joe explore the shoreline and caves by the cliffs because they are trying to find their father. Would you ever want to go exploring in caves or along the shoreline of a rocky cliff? Explain.

## HowlSage



This fantasy action novel is the first book in the “Sages of Darkness” trilogy by Brock D. Eastman and is published by Destiny Image Publishers.

*HowlSage* is written for kids ages 12 to 15.

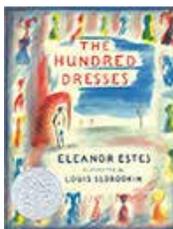
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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. Why does Taylor fail to defeat the HowlSage early in the book? How and by what authority is he finally able to vanquish the beast? What are some disciplines he practices in order to prepare for battle? How can these disciplines prepare you for the spiritual battles you face?
2. What are some ways the HowlSage, jinn and other demons tempt and lure the human characters? How does Taylor avoid giving in to their temptations?
3. Are demons real or just characters in books and movies? How does the author’s fictional description of demons align with

what you believe about demons? What does the Bible say about demons? Are there demons at work in our world today? Explain your answer.

## The Hundred Dresses



This school-life, family-life book by Eleanor Estes is published by Harcourt Children’s Books and is written for kids ages 5 to 10.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. Have you ever made up a story because you thought it might make someone like you better? What was your story, and what happened as a result?
2. Why do you think Maddie had a hard time defending Wanda?
3. How have you reacted toward someone being picked on?
4. What are some ways you could show compassion and kindness to someone who is being bullied?
5. How have you ever been teased or rejected by others?
6. In the Bible, how did Jesus respond when He saw someone being mistreated?
7. Wanda forgave Peggy and Maddie even though they had hurt her. Why is it difficult to forgive people who have hurt you? What does the Bible say about forgiveness?

## The Hunger Games



This sci-fi novel is the first book in “The Hunger Games” series by Suzanne Collins and is published by Scholastic Press, an imprint of Scholastic Inc.

*The Hunger Games* is written for kids ages 13 and up.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. How does Katniss feel whenever she thinks she owes someone? To which characters in the book does she feel indebted, and why? Do you ever find it awkward to accept kind words or gestures from others when you can’t return the favor? Why or why not? Have you ever given someone a gift you knew he couldn’t repay? How did you feel?
2. What would it be like to have the nation watching your every move on TV? How might you behave differently than normal if the cameras were rolling? What would you do if you could only survive by killing someone else? What would you want viewers to remember about you?
3. Why does Katniss wonder if she can trust Peeta? Why is it easier for her to trust Rue? Which of Katniss’ past experiences make it difficult for her to place her confidence in others? Do you have difficulty trusting people? Why is it sometimes hard to trust God? How can you determine who is or isn’t trustworthy?

4. What are some ways the Gamemakers, prep teams and trainers get the contestants to do their bidding? Which, if any, of these people care about the tributes' thoughts and feelings? If you were chosen as a tribute, would you have followed the orders you were given or rebelled? Explain your answer.
5. What happened to Katniss' mother after her father died? Why is Katniss so angry with her mother? What does she fear her mother will do in the future? Have you ever known someone who suffered from depression? What kinds of depression treatments are available in our society that weren't in Katniss'? If you had a friend struggling with depression, what could you say or do to help?
6. Why does Katniss say she'll never have kids? What does she fear about the future? Does it scare you to think about raising kids in our society? Explain your answer. What does the Bible say you should do when you feel afraid? How can you prevent fear from influencing your decisions and crushing your hopes?
7. What are the Capitol people like? How are they different from those in the districts? How are the Capitol residents entertained, rather than repulsed, by the violence and death in the Hunger Games? Does a scenario like this—where people are forced to fight each other to amuse a crowd—seem far-fetched? What has happened like this in history? Could it happen in the future?
8. Which characters value human life, and which do not? Why does Gale advise Katniss to forget that her fellow tributes are people? Why might it be easier for Katniss to kill her competitors if

she visualizes them as animals? Does our country value human life? Explain your answer. Name some situations in which people have tried to justify cruelty or murder by convincing themselves that a particular group of individuals was not really human.

9. After winning the Hunger Games, how does Katniss view her future? Why doesn't she feel joy and relief? How do you think she will change as a result of her experiences in the Hunger Games? Does this story have a happy ending? Explain your answer.

## Hunter Brown and the Consuming Fire



This fantasy book is the second in the “Codebearers” series by the Miller Brothers and is published by Warner Press. *Hunter Brown and the Consuming*

*Fire* is written for kids ages 10 and up.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. Hunter's family and best friends do not believe his stories about the Author. His friends even start to avoid him. Have you ever felt lonely because of your beliefs? What did you do? Would you do anything different?
2. Hunter does not understand Rob's clumsiness and fear. Even though he is the only other believer that Hunter knows in

Destiny, Hunter still has a hard time being around him. Have you ever had a hard time being around someone else?

3. Were you able to resolve the problem?
4. Xaul allows his sadness over the loss of his people to turn into bitterness and anger. He eventually becomes as evil as Shadow, the one who destroyed his people. How do you think this happened? Has your sadness ever turned to bitterness or anger? If so, how? Do you feel good when you're bitter or angry? How did you or can you move away from bitterness?
5. Hunter eventually realizes that Boojum is a distraction in the mission that the Author has given him. In what situations did Boojum distract Hunter? What types of things distract you in your life? How often does this happen? What do you do to get back on track?
6. Rob slowly changes. What circumstances occur that lead to his change? What are the differences you see in Rob at the beginning of the book compared to the end of the book? What types of circumstances have led to changes in your own life? Did you realize you were changing while you were in the middle of the circumstance or after it was over?
7. At the end of this book, Hunter's fate is uncertain. What do you think is happening? Do you think Hunter is safe or in danger? How would you begin the next book? What do you think happened to Trista and Rob? Do you think all three of them will stay friends?
8. Cranton has been a bully in books one and two of this series.

What new insight are you given about Cranton? How does this information change the way you think about him? Do you know anyone like him? Why do people like Cranton act the way they do? What can you do to help them?

9. It is unclear what has happened to Hunter's father, but Hunter knows that his father has been in Solandria and that he had his own Veritas sword. What do you think has happened to Hunter's father? Why? How do you think Hunter feels about his father's disappearance? Why?
10. The Author does not give Hunter and his group detailed instructions. He gives them only the next step, and even then it is not always clear. In your own life, has God given you a clear plan of what He wants you to do? When has He given you just the next step? How hard is it for you to take that step not knowing what the next one will be? Why is that?
11. Throughout this book, Hunter battles his own doubts about the Author. Many of his enemies choose to reinforce his doubts as a way to make Hunter turn away from the Author. What types of doubts do you battle? What did Hunter do to battle his doubts? What do you do? What would be a good verse to memorize to help you in the midst of your battles?

## Hunter Brown and the Secret of the Shadow



This fantasy is first in the "Codebearers" series by the Miller Brothers and is published by Warner Press. *Hunter Brown and the Secret of the*

*Shadow* is written for kids ages 9 to 12.

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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. Hunter believes that his family does not think highly of him. Why is that? How do you think others view you? What do you like about their opinions of you? What would you like to change?
2. At the beginning of the story, Hunter is confused about all the talk about Aviad and the Author. It does not make sense to him because he does not understand the whole concept. In your own faith, what do you have a hard time understanding? What can you do to help someone else understand your faith?
3. Venator believes that because he is not following the Author's rules, he is free. But, who is he actually a slave to? When you choose to disobey, whom are you serving? Do you feel a freedom or do you feel a heavier burden? Why do you think that is?
4. Belac believes that no one has the right to tell him what to do. Have you ever felt this way? How can this attitude be harmful to others? Why would it be hard to be a friend to this type of person?
5. Hunter is accepted by the Codebearers even before he fully understands who they are and to whom they belong. How does this help him in his quest for answers? Is acceptance by the Codebearers a key part to Hunter's final decision to give the Author his heart? Why or why not? How can you use this

method to help others learn about God?

6. A key theme in the novel is that, regardless of the circumstances, the Author is in control, and He knows what is best. Is this hard for you to accept in your own life? How so? How can God be good in the midst of difficult times? How can you explain this to someone else?
7. Hunter knows that he has to give Venator's bloodstone to the Author. He wants to do the right thing, yet at the last moment he rebels and decides that his own way is the best way. Why do you think he does that? Do you ever try to do things your own way instead of following what you know or are told is the best? Can you give an example? Why do you think this happens?
8. Hunter is encouraged to memorize passages from the Author's Book, so that in the midst of battle he can use the truths against the enemy. How do you view the Bible? Do you see it as a weapon to be used in the midst of a spiritual attack? How can memorizing and reciting God's Word be helpful in all circumstances? What Bible verse has the most meaning to you right now?
9. Hunter is reminded several times that he is not alone. Do you feel like you are alone? Why or why not? Can you feel alone sometimes even when people surround you? Why is Hunter told that he is not alone? How does that help him? How does that help you?
10. Hunter is taught that he can do nothing in his own strength. He needs to ask the Author for help. How does this differ from the world's view? How easy is it for you to admit that you need help?

Why do you think it is easier for people to do everything themselves than it is to ask God for help? What do you need to do in your own life to make the right choice?