

Book Review Discussion Questions

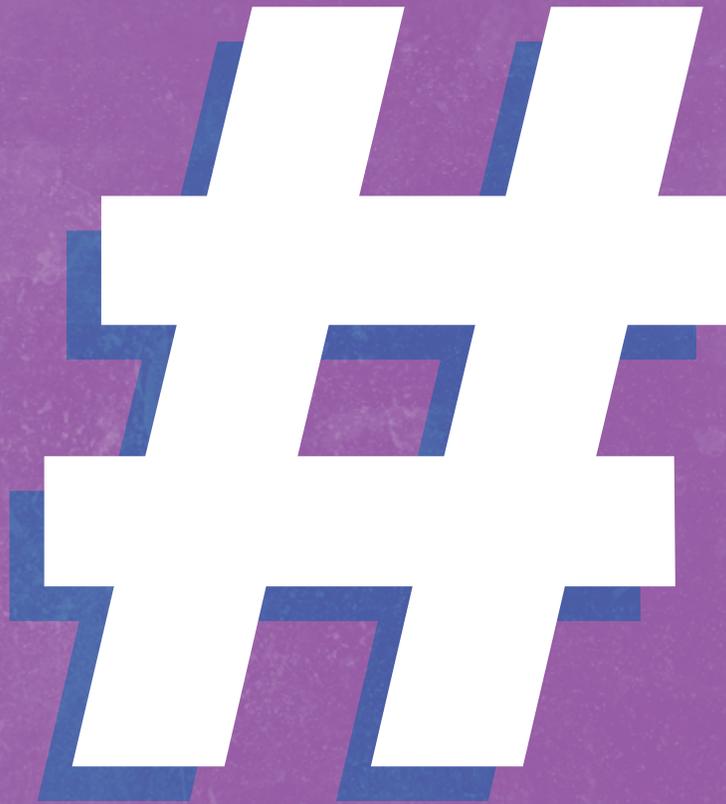


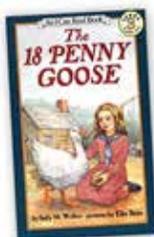
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DISCUSSION TOPICS

The 18 Penny Goose



This historical fiction book by Sally M. Walker is published by HarperCollins Publishers Inc. and written for kids ages 6 to 8. The age range

reflects readability and not necessarily content appropriateness.

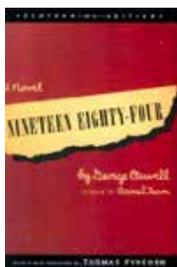
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If your children have read this book, consider talking about the story using these discussion questions:

1. What does Letty want to bring with them as they leave their farm? Why isn't she able to take Solomon and his 18 wives? How does that make her feel? Tell about a time when you wanted to help someone or an animal, but we wouldn't let you because of the circumstances. Did you obey us? How hard was it to do what we had asked you to do?
2. Letty can't take Solomon with her, but she does do something. What does she do? What does Pa tell her the British soldiers will probably do to her flock? How does that make her feel? How does that make you feel? How is Letty's situation unfair? Why can't her parents make it fair?
3. The British have to feed their soldiers. What do they do to people's farms and animals to accomplish this? Why do they think it is OK to do this? How do they view the colonists who aren't loyal to England? Is Letty's family loyal to England? Who do they support? What do they have to give up because of their support of the American

soldiers? What is something you believe in? What is something you've had to give up because of your belief?

1984



This science fiction book by George Orwell is written for adults, but is studied in some high school classes.

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book for parents at pluggedin.com/book-reviews.

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

1. What role does language play in the lives of Party members? Do you think it is possible to control people by adding or subtracting certain words from a language? Explain your answer.
2. How does the Party use fear to manipulate its members? How do people feel knowing Big Brother is always watching them? How do you feel knowing God is watching you? Is it a fearful feeling or a comforting one? Explain your answer. How do God's methods of working in your life differ from Big Brother's influence in the lives of Party members?
3. Why does the Party try to wipe out or reprogram people's memories? Why are memories important and valuable?

100 Cupboards



This fantasy adventure is the first book in the "100 Cupboards" series by N. D. Wilson and is published by Random House Children's Books, a division of

Random House, Inc. *100 Cupboards* 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 it bother Henry that Henrietta messes around with things she doesn't understand? Why does Henry have so much fear of the unknown? How can fear be a healthy emotion? When does fear harm us and keep us from success or happiness?
2. What would you have done if you'd found the cupboards? What might have happened if Henry had discussed his findings with his aunt and uncle sooner, instead of hiding his discovery?
3. If you were Henry, would you wish to stay in Kansas, want to be reunited with your travel-writer parents or try to find your original home inside the cupboards? Why?

