

Book Review Discussion Questions



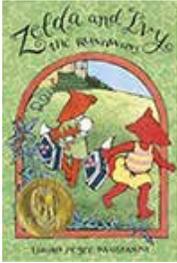
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DISCUSSION TOPICS

Zelda and Ivy: The Runaways



This first talking animals book in the “Candlewick Sparks” series by Laura McGee Kvasnosky is published by Candlewick Press,

an imprint of Walker Books. This book is written for kids ages 5 to 8.

Search for a review of this 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 are some foods you don't like?
2. Why do you think Zelda and Ivy's parents made them eat the cucumber sandwiches?
3. Why do we sometimes make you eat things that aren't your favorite?
4. If you were making a time capsule as Zelda and Ivy did, what things would you put inside?
5. What items would you not include because you would miss them too much?
6. Did the “creative juice” work the way Ivy wanted it to?
7. What are some things we can do to get new ideas when we're trying to write or create something?

Zigzag Zoom



This slice-of-life story by Patricia Reilly Giff is the eighth in the “Zigzag Kids” series published by Wendy Lamb Books, an imprint of Random House

Children's Books, a division of Random House Inc. *Zigzag Zoom* is written for kids ages 6 to 9.

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

1. Why is Gina nervous about the race? What is something that makes you nervous? What helps you relax?
2. Why is Gina so worried about being a slow runner? Have you ever felt like you might let your friends down? Explain.
3. How does she turn her bad mood around on race day? Tell about a time when you were not in a good mood. How did you turn around your bad mood so the day was not a disaster?