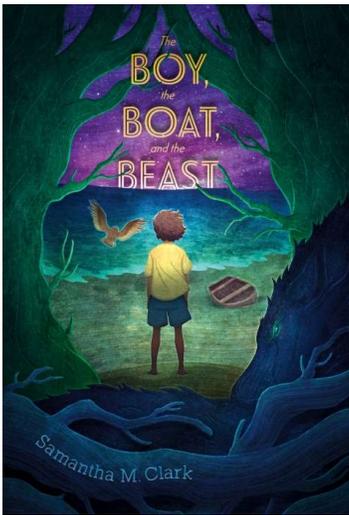


The Boy, The Boat, and The Beast

Discussion Guide For Educators and Book Clubs



About The Book

Written by **Samantha M Clark**, *THE BOY, THE BOAT, AND THE BEAST* is the story of a boy who wakes up on a mysterious beach where everything's scary and he doesn't know who he is or how he got there. After a bright light shines over the Green Wall of trees, the boy gathers up his courage and follows it, hoping to find answers and his family. But when he discovers the terrifying truth, he must face his biggest fear before he can go home.

"An unforgettable, life-affirming tale." ~ABA Booklist

Minimum Reader Age: 8

Grade Level: 3 and up

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Discussion Questions *NOTE! These contain spoilers.*

1. The setting is an important aspect of any story. How does the setting affect this story?
2. What is the Bully? How are the Bully and the Boy connected?
3. What does the piece of fabric in the Boy's pocket mean to the Boy? Do you have an item that signifies the same thing to you? Do you think it helped the Boy?
4. What part does the owl play? Do you think the Boy's journey would have the same ending if the owl had not been there?
5. What does it mean to be in a coma? Have you ever been very sick, or do you know anyone who has? How do you think that would affect how you live every day?
6. What is the Boy's relationship with the Beast? Is the Beast helpful or hurtful to the Boy?
7. What do you think happens to the Boy and his family after the story? How can he have a better relationship with his father?
8. There are six poems throughout the book. What do they signify and how do they work within the story? Is there another way the writer could've achieved this?
9. The true narrator of the story is revealed late in the book. What part does the Spirit Collector play?
10. In the final line, the Spirit Collector talks about a new assignment, a girl. What do you think her story is about?

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