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Things Not Seen

Writing Prompts

Answer the questions and complete the writing prompts immediately after completing the chapter. Answer the writing prompts completely and thoughtfully. They should be an example of your best work and error-free.

Ch. 1, pg. 1-11: What are the similarities and differences between Bobby’s

relationship with his parents and your relationship with your parents?

Ch. 2, pg. 12-19: What annoying word does someone in your life overuse? What is it

and why is it so annoying to you?

Ch. 3, pg. 20-28: The author’s choice of a blind girl is genius. Explain why and

whether you can think of any other “type” of character who could also work in this role.

Ch. 4, pg. 29-36: What is the real reason Bobby’s dad is so upset and yelling?

or

Write about a time when you were dreaming and woke up confused and still “in the dream”.

Ch. 5, pg. 37-41: What is the toughest decision you have ever had to make? Why?

Ch. 6, pg. 42-52: Why does bobby feel, “As if I’ve been punched in the stomach” after

seeing his mom in the hospital? (don’t steal my simile)

Ch. 7, pg. 53-60: “Because when fear begins to crawl, it just keeps coming” pg. 56

Explain this personification

or

Write about a time when fear took over you. What was the situation?

Ch. 8, pg. 61-68: Why is the sudden attention from his parents so annoying to Bobby?

Ch. 9, pg. 69-74: How are our clothes like armor? (figuratively)

Ch. 10, pg. 75-81: Why do you think people avoid asking others about their problems?

Ch. 11, pg. 82-93: Why is it so important to Bobby that Alicia not think he is a pervert?

(Besides the obvious reasons)

Ch. 12, pg. 94-99: Alicia becomes a friend in a very short time period. Is there a

time requirement necessary to become a friend? What do you value in a friend?

Ch. 13, pg. 100-108: Think about someone who is figuratively invisible. Try to walk in

his/her shoes if it is not you. Describe how it feels.

Ch. 14, pg. 109-118: Should the school be involved in your home life?

Ch. 15, pg. 119-125: Bobby’s mom is very different now than she was when she was

younger. Do you think your parents have changed and why?

Ch. 16, pg. 126-133 NO WRITING PROMPT

Ch. 17, pg. 134-143: Life on other planets? Why/ why not?

Ch. 18, pg. 144-163: is it good if your parents are friends with your friends’ parents?

or

Which would you rather hear, the truth like Bobby’s dad speaks or reassurance like Bobby’s mom speaks?

Ch. 19, pg. 164-173: Bobby is adventurous. Alicia is a little more cautious. Which are

you and why?

Ch. 20, pg. 174-179: no writing prompt

Ch. 21, pg. 180-187: Have you ever overheard or seen something you shouldn’t have?

How did you feel? What did you do about it?

Ch. 22, pg. no writing prompt

Ch. 23, pg. 200-211: Why do you think we always feel better when we find someone

who is going through what we are?

Ch. 24, pg. 212-216: no writing prompt

Ch. 25, pg. 217-221: Bobby’s parents are trying to protect him. He doesn’t agree. Who

do you think is right and why?

Ch. 26, pg. 222-231: pg 228,”Trouble with screen talking is it keeps going on and on

until someone decides to get back to real life.” Do you have a “last texter” friend who must have the last word and the conversation never seems to end?

Ch. 27, p 232-236: Your choice

Ch. 29, pg. 237-251: Alicia’s mom “doesn’t get” her poem. Do you? Explain it.

or

Crying from happiness: Explain why/when it has happened to you.

or

Do you think Sheila will come back? Why/ why not?

Final writing

One of the themes of this book deals with seeing and being seen. As a society, we place great value on appearances.

Think about the pressure it puts on people.

* Sheila didn’t want to come back. “I don’t want to worry about my weight and my hair and all that junk again.” pg. 238-39.
* Alicia felt invisible because she was different
* people who have a disfigurement or look different
* Unrealistic expectations about how we should look

Should appearances matter as much as they do and if not, why, as a society, do they seem to be so important?