

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

for **RAINREIGN**



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ABOUT RAIN REIGN

ROSE HOWARD is obsessed with homonyms. She's thrilled that her own name is a homonym, and she purposely gave her dog Rain a name with two homonyms (Reign, Rein), which, according to Rose's rules of homonyms, is very special. Not everyone understands Rose's obsessions, her rules, and the other things that make her different—not her teachers, not other kids, and not her single father.

When a storm hits their rural town, rivers overflow, the roads are flooded, and Rain goes missing. Rose's father shouldn't have let Rain out. Now Rose has to find her dog, even if it means leaving her routines and safe places to search.

Hearts will break and spirits will soar for this powerful story, brilliantly told from Rose's point of view.



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Rose Howard narrates her own story. Discuss with students the difference between a "reliable" narrator and an "unreliable" one. Which is Rose? Why?
2. Rose's list of homonyms is one of her most important possessions. Why do you think she keeps this list? There are probably easier ways to update it (on a computer, for instance). Why is Rose's list handwritten?
3. Everyone is different; every person has particular habits and interests. And some people have differences that others see as "disabilities." What makes Rose different? Are her outbursts in class something she does on purpose?
4. How does Rain help Rose? Describe the roles that pets play in the lives of people who love them.
5. Do you believe Rose's father let Rain out of the house with any bad intentions? Why or why not?
6. Why is Rose's uncle Weldon more patient with Rose than her own father?
7. Do you agree with Rose's decisions about Rain? Describe what might have happened if Rose had acted differently.
8. Discuss Rose's future—what lies ahead for her once the book is finished?

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