



Discussion questions

1. Which young person resonated with you the most? Why?
2. What parallels did you see among the kids? Among the adults?
3. Why do you think sports played such an important role in the later successes of Paulie and Abraham?
4. There were several instances where if one circumstance in a child's life had changed for the better, he or she could have had a much better chance of avoiding homelessness. Which of these near-misses frustrated you the most?
5. Do you think the young people made any bad choices in the book? Would you have made the same decisions as they did? Why or why not?
6. None of the children grew up with a consistent father figure in their home. Do you think a consistent father figure is crucial to young people, why or why not?
7. From reading these stories, who do you think is most responsible for helping kids avoid becoming homeless: parents, the child welfare system, the young people themselves, schools, the government, or nonprofits?
8. What would you do to help your child if you were Muriel's parents? Meagan's? Creionna's?
9. How has reading this book changed your opinion of a certain person or topic?
10. Has the knowledge you've gained through reading these stories inspired you do anything to help homeless young people?