



Sammy Keyes & the Sisters of Mercy

Discussion Guide for Sammy Keyes #3

- 1) Why do you think Sammy was so determined to help Holly?
- 2) Why is Holly so reluctant to accept Sammy's help?
- 3) Sammy is surprised to find that the brothers and sisters in the church fight with each other like, well, brothers and sisters. What groups are you part of are close enough to squabble? A team? A club? Do you think all families get on each other's nerves sometimes?
- 4) Marissa is usually kind of timid, but on a pitcher's mound, she's a tiger! Why do you think she's so confident there? Why does that not come out in other situations?
- 5) Why do you think Sammy's mother has kept her father such a secret? Why won't Grams fill her in?
- 6) Officer Borsch seems to offer Sammy a glimmer of respect at the end of the story. Do you think they've turned a corner in their relationship?
- 7) Sammy ends up having a great Thanksgiving. What do you think Thanksgiving is like at Marissa's house? How about Heather's? What do you think Sammy's mother is doing on Thanksgiving? And where is Officer Borsch?
- 8) What do you think Holly's life was like before Sammy helped her? (If you want to check your answers, read *Runaway* which tells Holly's story up to the time she meets Sammy Keyes.)

