



Sammy Keyes & the Search for Snake Eyes

Discussion Guide for Sammy Keyes #7

- 1) Sammy always seems to be in trouble! Why do you think that happens?
- 2) Were there places in the story where you would have acted differently? Would you have gone looking for Lena?
- 3) Sammy never really tried to decipher graffiti before now. But when she thinks of it being like a code she starts to see it differently. What do you think? What kind of tags do you see in your own community?
- 4) Marissa is normally pretty skittish, but on the pitcher's mound she's fearless. Why do you think that is? Is there something you feel that confident about? Does competition change your personality?
- 5) Why does Sammy's mitt mean so much to her? And why does the thought of using Brandon's mitt instead freak her out?
- 6) Sammy's not usually afraid of much, but being around a baby scares her. Marissa's tough on the ballfield, but petrified of spiders. What scares you? Are there things that scare other people that don't scare you?
- 7) What do you think scares Grams more than anything?
- 8) The girls Sammy meets that are in a gang used to be part of a softball team. Are there ways that a team is like a gang? In what ways is it different?
- 9) Do you belong to a team or group? What are the positive aspects of belonging?

