



Sammy Keyes & the Dead Giveaway

Discussion Guide for Sammy Keyes #10

- 1) Have you ever let someone else take the blame for what you did? If not, do you think you would? Would it make a difference if the blame fell on someone you liked? Or didn't know at all? Or hated?
- 2) Once Sammy confessed, Mrs. Ambler wasn't as mad as Sammy feared she'd be. She said it was not knowing what really happened that bothered her the most. Does that make sense to you? Do you think it's better to know the truth, even when it's bad news?
- 3) Sammy ends up having a good time at her first school dance, though she was nervous about going. What are dances like where you go to school? Do you get nervous attending, or thinking about attending? If so, would going with a group dressed as pirates help with the nerves, or make you feel more self-conscious?
- 4) It seems obvious to Marissa that Casey really likes Sammy, but Sammy herself isn't so sure. On the other hand, it seems obvious to Sammy that Danny isn't a good match for Marissa, but Marissa likes him too much to notice. What is it hard to see your own love life clearly?
- 5) Should you listen to your friend's opinion if it doesn't support your own?

