

Sammy Keyes & the Killer Cruise

Discussion Guide for Sammy Keyes #17

- 1) Sammy and her dad were both pretty nervous about this cruise. How much do you think it helped for them each to have a friend along?
- 2) As Sammy and her dad begin to get to know each other, they start to realize how much they've both missed. Is there any way to catch up on all that lost time?
- 3) One thing Sammy's dad learns about her the hard way—she can't leave a mystery alone. What do you think he makes of that?
- 4) Sammy's life may be messy, but the Kensington family's is even messier! What happened to get them here? Do you think they'll be able to change?
- 5) Wendelin Van Draanen meant for this book to be an homage to classic mysteries. There are many references to famous books and their writers throughout the story. Which ones did you recognize?
- 6) If you were to “scribble on” your best friend's high-tops, what might you write or draw?

