



Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy

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TIPS FOR FAMILY BOOK CLUB:

Set up the book club meeting for success. Encourage all opinions and a judgment-free discussion. Remind family members to take turns speaking, and that when others are speaking, listening is respectful.

As you begin answering questions, it's helpful to show your children that your answers are informed by information in the book. You might say, "I think XYZ because of the time that ABC happened." Perhaps reference a specific page or passage.

Finally, to get all participants involved, print out these questions and take turns reading the questions to the group.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. The author uses the number three frequently. When and why do you suppose that is?
2. How are Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy similar and / or different?
3. Names are important in this story. Why doesn't Miss Kaminsky call Ophelia by the correct name?
Why did the wizards take the Marvelous Boy's name? Why are the swords named?
4. What do you think the Marvelous Boy's name is?
5. Ophelia believes in science and plans, not magic. Why do you think this is? Does this change during the story?
What do you believe?
6. What are the signs that Alice is changing?
7. Do you think it's possible to hear the voice from a deceased loved one like Ophelia did with her mother?
8. Did Ophelia become brave or was she always brave and just didn't know it?
9. What is the life advice Ophelia's mother always told her? (Hint: tell the truth, ...) Do you agree with this advice?
Why or why not?
10. Did you like this book overall? Why or why not?