



## Furthermore

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### TIPS FOR FAMILY BOOK CLUB:

*Furthermore* is filled with color, magic, and adventure, and also with ideas about what makes us special, vulnerable, flawed, and unique. When you're reading, think about the imaginative story the author has created and the characters and places you've encountered — have you ever read anything quite like it? Think too about how the author creates settings and scenarios that test the characters and push them not only to reach their goals, but also to find out more about themselves.

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. *Furthermore* is brimming with so many imaginative details — what things really stood out to you?
2. Oliver doesn't tell Alice everything he knows about her father. Why do you think that is? Do you think he should have revealed everything he knew before they started their journey?
3. Which of the many villages Alice and Oliver visit in *Furthermore* was the most memorable? Why?
4. What did you think Alice's talent was? Were you surprised when you found out?
5. Alice is proud of being her own unique self, but she also is deeply affected by not being the same as everyone else. Can you relate to feeling both these feelings?
6. Oliver says his talent is "both a blessing and a burden" (pg. 335). How come?
7. *Furthermore* pushes Alice to think differently about things — to go up and down, for example, instead of just right and left. How do you think her time in *Furthermore* helped Alice become more open-minded?
8. Did Alice or Oliver remind you of anyone you know in real life? How so?
9. Who do you think the narrator is?
10. Alice's father loves Alice for her uniqueness. What are some of the special qualities you love most about each member of your family?