- 1. Every character made mistakes in this book. And they all handled their mistakes differently. Some owned up, some made excuses. Some tried to fix them. Do you think there's a proper way to handle making mistakes? Which character do you think handled their mistakes the best? Should the outcome change when the mistake is larger?
- 2. Privilege comes up as a theme throughout the book. Nan and Tim wish they had Samantha's status and financial privilege. Samantha wishes she had the family privilege that the Garrett children have. Jase wishes he has the privilege that he feels Tim is wasting. Do you think they are all valid points? How does this privilege affect the relationships in the story? How does Clay use privilege to justify his actions?
- 3. Why do you think Samantha found it so difficult to stand up to her mother, and to stand up for herself in general?
- 4. Samantha is faced with a terrible choice when she figures out her mom ran over Mr. Garrett. How do you think you would respond in the same situation? Do you understand why Samantha waited to tell for as long as she did?
- 5. If you could ask any of the characters one question, what would it be?
- 6. When Samantha finally came clean to Jase, he was able to forgive her. Why do you think he was able to so easily forgive? Do you think you'd be able to do the same?
- 7. Tim had a lot of character growth in the book, but Nan's character held until the end. Why do you think the author chose to juxtapose these two characters? What is she trying to say?
- 8. Which character did you connect with the most? Who did you connect with the least? Why?
- 9. When the book ends, Samantha and Nan have not resolved their fight or friendship. Why do you think the author decided to leave it like this? Do you think their fight was realistic? Samantha was so surprised by Nan's accusations of her, but do you feel like they were justified? Do you think the girls resolve their issues in the future?
- 10. Did you like the ending of the book? If so, why? If not, what would you change?