

* Reader Discussion Guide *



POSSUM SUMMER

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Comprehension and recall:

1. How does P find her orphan possum Ike?
2. How did P hide Ike to go to school?
3. When P rescues Ike, she knows what might happen. She does it anyway. What were the consequences?
4. Why does P keep trying to make friends with Blackie? What happens to him because of her?

Higher level thinking skills:

1. How is P treated by the adults in her life?
2. Did P change how she looks at the world at the end?
3. How would you hide a possum for an entire day?
4. P is a unique kid. What challenges do you think she has to deal with?

Literary elements

1. Describe P's character. Would you like to be friends with her? Why or why not?
2. What was unique about the setting of POSSUM SUMMER? Did it enhance or take away from the story?
3. What particular themes did the author use within the book?
4. What do you think she is trying to get across to the reader?

Personal response

1. How are you most like P?
2. P's best friend Mart has special talents with his computer. What are your special talents?
3. What was the best part about this book?
4. What was the worst part about this book?