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1. PAGE 10 What kind of person is Lincoln?

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2. PAGE 32 What kind of person is Lincoln's mom? What are your thoughts about his relationship with her?

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3. PAGE 41 What is the "field work" mentioned here, and why is it important to Linc and Monica?

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**4.** PAGE 42 At the top of the page, the narrator says, "The basketball filled with air and went bumping down the stairs, out of control." What does this mean?

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**5.** PAGE 44 Why is the conversation between Linc and Tony from the first chapter repeated on the bottom of page 44?

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**6.** PAGE 47 What kind of person is Tony? Why is he important to Linc?

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**7.** PAGE 51 Describe where Linc lives now and where he used to live.

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**8.** PAGE 62 Why does Linc leave the thrift store and walk to his old school?

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**9.** PAGE 73 How is Linc's relationship with Tony similar to and different from his relationship with James?

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**10.** PAGE 85 In what ways are issues of race coming up in this story?

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**11.** PAGE 99 What does the word *carnal* mean in this story?

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**12.** PAGE 106 What are some of the conflicts that Linc is experiencing?

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**13.** PAGE 135 Think about a theme in this book and use that to explain the title.

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## Reflection

Was this book easy, just right, or too hard? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know? \_\_\_\_\_

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Did you like this book? \_\_\_\_\_

Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you choose another book like this from the library? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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