



Discussion Questions for *Gaby, Lost and Found* by Angela Cervantes

Gaby Ramirez Howard loves volunteering at the local animal shelter, helping the cats and dogs there find new homes. She would love to adopt Feather, a shelter cat in need of a place to live—but Gaby's mother has recently been deported to Honduras, and Gaby is in need of a new home herself. If Gaby doesn't have somewhere that feels like home to her, how can she help Feather?

1. What happens in Gaby's life that in her opinion, changes everything?
2. What motivates Gaby's mother to take care of stray cats?
3. Why is Feather so important to Gaby? Do you think taking Feather from the shelter is the right thing to do? Why or why not?
4. Gaby is American, but her mother is not, which is why she was gets deported. How does this affect Gaby?
5. What helps Gaby's father realize that he is not taking care of her well enough?
6. Do you think Gaby's mother makes the right decision to stay in Honduras? Why or why not?
7. If you could bring home an animal described in one of Gaby's flyers, which one would you choose? Explain why.
8. Gaby asks her aunt to tell her mother, "no matter how far away she is, she's in my heart always." What does Gaby mean by this?
9. Would you prefer to be a dog trainer like Alma, a writer like Gaby, or a veterinarian like Dr. V? Explain your choice.
10. Why are Jan and Dolores mean to Gaby? How does Gaby finally stand up for herself?