



Meet the author on Tuesday,
September 28, 5:30 Pacific!!
To register for the zoom meeting,
contact your local library for the link!



No Fixed Address Discussion Questions

- 1) Felix tells the story of Astrid's childhood and her life up till now. What events from her past do you think have contributed to her situation in the novel? What could she have done differently, if at all?
- 2) We aren't told until half-way through the full story of Felix's dad, Daniel. Why do you think Felix takes so long to tell the reader about him?
- 3) What scene most stands out to you?
- 4) Discuss Dylan and Winnie, Felix's two very different friends. In what ways are they similar and different?
- 5) Felix finds Winnie deeply annoying when he first meets her at school, and tries to avoid including her to begin with. Discuss how his feelings towards her change throughout the book.
- 6) No Fixed Address has many characters who turn out to be very different to what Felix or the reader thinks at first. Compare one main character and one minor character and the ways in which they defy expectations when we learn more about them.
- 7) No Fixed Address takes a look at the lives of the 'hidden homeless' – the people who are without a permanent home and are just about finding alternatives to sleeping rough on the streets. What aspect of Felix's precarious existence would you find hardest to deal with?
- 8) How do you think Felix's experience living in a van will inform his adulthood?
- 9) What was the funniest scene to you?

If you have been affected by the issues in this book, or if you would like to find out how you can help people without homes, the following organizations may be able to provide advice:

Raising the Roof: raisingtheroof.org

Kids Help Phone: kidshelpphone.ca

Questions have been adapted from the No Fixed Address Discussion Guide, found on Susin Nielsen's website.

Next Month!

Join us October 26, 5:30pm Pacific time! We will be joined by author Marthe Jocelyn, to discuss her book Aggie Morton Mystery Queen, starring young detective Aggie Morton and her friend Hector, inspired by the imagined life of Agatha Christie as a child and her most popular creation, Hercule Poirot.



Liked No Fixed Address? Check out these titles!

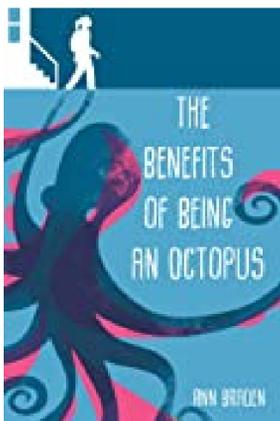
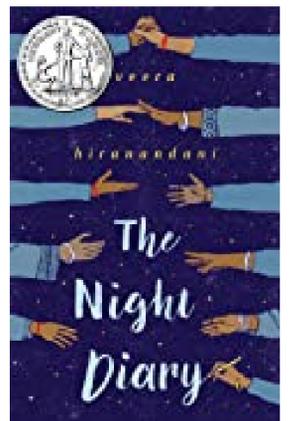


The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart

Five years. That's how long Coyote and her dad, Rodeo, have lived on the road in an old school bus, crisscrossing the nation. It's also how long ago Coyote lost her mom and two sisters in a car crash. Coyote hasn't been home in all that time, but when she learns the park in her old neighborhood is being demolished - the very same park where she, her mom, and her sisters buried a treasured memory box - she devises an elaborate plan to get her dad to drive 3,600 miles back to Washington state in four days...without him realizing it.

The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani

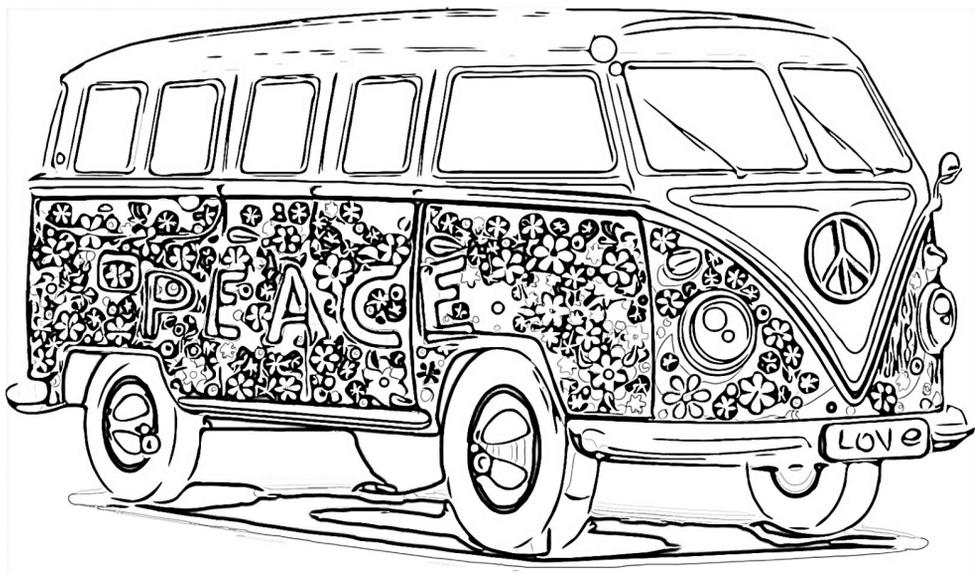
It's 1947, and India, newly independent of British rule, has been separated into two countries: Pakistan and India. The divide has created much tension between Hindus and Muslims, and hundreds of thousands are killed crossing borders. Half-Muslim, half-Hindu twelve-year-old Nisha doesn't know where she belongs, or what her country is anymore. When Papa decides it's too dangerous to stay in what is now Pakistan, Nisha and her family become refugees and embark first by train but later on foot to reach her new home. The journey is long, difficult, and dangerous, and after losing her mother as a baby, Nisha can't imagine losing her homeland, too. But even if her country has been ripped apart, Nisha still believes in the possibility of putting herself back together.



The Benefits of Being an Octopus by Ann Braden

Some people can do their homework. Some people get to have crushes on boys. Some people have other things they've got to do. Seventh-grader Zoey has her hands full as she takes care of her much younger siblings after school every day while her mom works her shift at the pizza parlor. Not that her mom seems to appreciate it. At least there's Lenny, her mom's boyfriend—they all get to live in his nice, clean trailer. At school, Zoey tries to stay under the radar. Her only friend Fuchsia has her own issues, and since they're in an entirely different world than the rich kids, it's best if no one notices them. Zoey thinks how much easier everything would be if she were an octopus: eight arms to do eight things at once. Incredible camouflage ability and steady, unblinking vision. Powerful protective defenses.

FAN ART CONTEST!



Make art inspired by NO FIXED ADDRESS!

Draw a picture of a scene or a favourite character from the book! Or....

Write an epilogue; another chapter or an extra scene!

Send it to

kootenatyteenbookclub@gmail.com for a chance to be entered in a draw for a prize!