

READING GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Morley Star desperately wants to adopt a pet and she gives many reasons why. What do you think of her reasons? Would you agree with her that every child needs to have a pet? Why?
2. Do you think that children who have pets should do the majority of the routine care such as feeding, walking, grooming and scooping?
3. Morley’s mother does not want a pet in their family but won’t tell her daughter why. What do you think is Aoife’s true reason for her No Pets rule? Do you agree with it?
4. Do you think Aoife should tell her daughters her true reason for not wanting a family pet? Why does she change her mind?
5. Aoife Star becomes pregnant as her relationship with Danny is coming to an end. Why do you think she did this – or was it just a case of biology changing everyone’s plans?
6. There is a lot going on in her daughters’ lives that Aoife seems unaware of. Do you think she’s a careless mother, or simply overwhelmed as a pregnant single mum deserted by the father of two of her daughters?
7. Morley is also desperate to know who her father is. Should Aoife tell her? If so, how? Is there a ‘best’ time to tell a child about her identity or heritage?
8. Morley is a bright girl who struggles in school. How would you help her if you were her parent, or her teacher, or her friend?

Reading Group Questions – Feather’s Girl

9. Gus doesn’t really know very much about having a cat. Do you think that everyone who adopts a pet should be required to pass a course, or possibly even get a license for pet ownership before they can adopt a pet?
10. Are Jayden and Sam good friends to Morley, or not? Why?
11. Is Morley a good friend to Jayden and Sam, or not? Why?
12. Morley Star starts a small business making and selling jewelry. Would you like to start a side gig and, if so, what would it be?
13. Eira Star is an online influencer. Do you think you’d enjoy having this job? Why or why not?
14. Do you think Eira should have adopted Feather when she got Pixel? She made a different choice. What do you think of it?
15. Doing volunteer work is important to Morley. Why, do you think? Is it something you do, or have ever done? Did you enjoy it, and why? If you’ve never done volunteer work, would you like to?
16. Morley says at one point that she feels like she’s invisible. Why does she feel this way? Have you ever felt like this? If so, what did you do about it? If not, what should Morley do about it?
17. Morley makes a daring, risky and dangerous rescue of someone in this story. Would you have done the same? If not, what would you have done?
18. Morley has a problem with bullies. What do you think of how she handles this problem? Could she, or should she, have done anything differently?
19. How do you think bullies should be dealt with? Should they be punished, for example, and, if so how and by whom?

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20. When Morley has trouble at school, she wants to just stay home and avoid it, but her mother makes her go. Do you think this is the best option, or should Aoife have handled the situation differently and, if so, how?
21. Morley believes she and Feather can talk to each other telepathically. Do you believe this is possible? Can people and their pets communicate this way?
22. What do you think of the way Morley treats Daisy? Is Morley a good big sister? Is Daisy a good little sister?
23. There are two homeless characters who find homes in this story. What are your ideas for how we can help un-housed people and pets find and keep permanent homes?