

THE LOSERS AT THE CENTER OF THE GALAXY

BOOK CLUB GUIDE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The chapters are told from different characters' perspectives. What new information do you learn when someone new tells their story? Which narrator was your favorite?
2. Louise remarks that "it was tricky how sometimes things could be right and wrong at the same time" (p. 66). What do characters do that could be considered both right and wrong? How do you decide between right and wrong?
3. Throughout the book, characters find words or phrases that have different meanings depending on how they are used. What are some examples of these double meanings? How do characters understand the same situations differently?
4. Frenchie tells Winston that "When it comes down to it, I think you just have to let yourself be seen" (p. 91). What do you think Frenchie means? How can you let yourself be seen every day?
5. Trust is important to both Louise and Winston. What does trust mean to you? How do the characters demonstrate trust?
6. Winston and Frenchie hold a funeral for their tubas. How does this process help Winston grieve both for his tuba and his dad?
7. Louise uses the Scientific Method to test out G.L.O.P. How does she apply this and other scientific knowledge to her day-to-day life?
8. Both Winston and Louise wrestle with stress and anxiety over the course of the book. How do they experience stress or anxiety? What techniques do they use to help manage these feelings?
9. How does Louise and Winston's relationship with one another change over the course of the book?
10. Louise, Winston, and their mother all experience the loss of Louise and Winston's father. How does each of them deal with this loss?

