



Oscar and the Amazing Gravity Repellent

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Discussion guide - bullying
Ages 8 – 11

The questions below may be used by parents, teachers, and librarians to guide discussions of the book and encourage children to think about the choices Oscar makes. The book may be ordered directly from Capstone (U.S.), Raintree (U.K.) or on Amazon. Please feel free to e-mail me, the author, at tina@tinalpeterson.com, with questions, comments, or requests for a classroom visit via Skype.

How do we know that Zach is a bully?

How does Oscar respond to Zach the first time he meets him? Would you respond the same way?

What does Oscar do when he thinks Zach is going to damage the cabooses? What do you think of Oscar's actions?

Why is Oscar reluctant to help Zach later on? What would you do if you were Oscar in that situation?

How does Oscar avoid becoming a bully himself? Why is it sometimes difficult to do so?

Do you think the way Zach treats Oscar at the end of the book is realistic or believable? Why or why not?