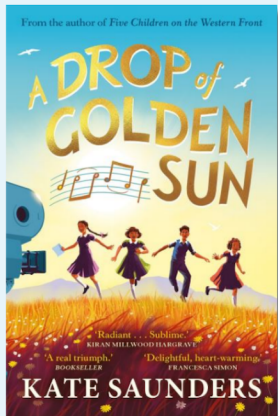


A Drop of Golden Sun

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BOOK TALK CARDS



KS3

THEMES:

Friendships • Historical stories • Families
Bereavement • Mental health • Acting

TIME TO TALK

- 1 An important part of the story is how the group of young actors' bond during the filming. How do you think their teamwork contributes to their success? What obstacles do they overcome together?
- 2 The characters all have different dreams and aspirations. What dreams and goals do you have? Discuss how you could pursue your ambitions and research this further.
- 3 The children's family backgrounds are all very different in the story. What does the word family mean to you? How does this compare to your friends?
- 4 The lead character Jenny has had difficulty in belonging and making friends in the past. Discuss the theme of belonging: how important is it to belong, and how can it affect our identity?
- 5 The characters in the story must have felt very nervous at times. What were some of the ways they used to cope when they felt anxious? What do you do to help yourself if you are nervous or anxious?
- 6 How did the experiences in the film help to shape the characters? It is important to seize opportunities when they come our way? Can you think of any instances in your life where you grabbed an unexpected opportunity?
- 7 If you could be in a film, is there a historical period that you would like it to be in? What part of this time in history appeals to you or excites you the most?

ABOUT THE BOOK

12-year-old Jenny has a life-changing summer in the spotlight when she is cast as one of the lead roles in a fictionalised musical which bears resemblance to The Sound of Music.



OUR THOUGHTS

"Heart-warming, nostalgic and sweetly amusing tale about coming back from hard times and making long-lasting friendships. Set in the 1970's, it explores how people viewed and spoke about mental health at the time."

TAKE THE TEXT FURTHER WITH OUR TOP 5 TITLES TO CONTINUE THE THEME:

