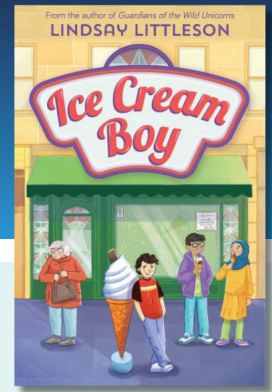




# BOOK TALK CARDS



## THEMES:

- Dementia • Family • Bullying  
Legacy • Friendship

## Ice Cream Boy

by Lindsay Littleton

Twelve-year-old Luca Verani has his future all mapped out: who needs school when he's going to take over his family's ice cream cafe? But then his aunt announces she's selling the struggling business, and Luca realises that his nonna's memory is disappearing.



### OUR THOUGHTS

"Relatable main character and a lot of issues that will be familiar to the intended age group. It's lightly handled with a realistic but uplifting ending, and plenty of heart. A very centred, well-rounded family drama."

## TIME TO TALK

- 1 How does Luca talk to his Grandma about her memory problems? How does he feel about them?
- 2 Luca, Kamal and Sitara are close friends and try to support each other. What ways throughout the book do they help and encourage one another? Do they ever let each other down?
- 3 Luca has had to go a long time without seeing his father. How do his feelings about his father change over the course of the book? How does Luca's mother react to Luca getting to know his father again?
- 4 In the scene after Luca wins the competition and he tries to convince his aunt and uncle to use his recipe at the café, his uncle is dismissive. How do you think Luca feels about his uncle? What would you have said or done differently in his place?
- 5 The writer describes Luca's father's home town in a lot of detail, and makes it feel special and fascinating through Luca's eyes. Can you write a description of a place you have visited that would make it seem special to somebody who has never been there?
- 6 Luca's love of food and cooking helps him deal with his problems at various times in the book. In what different ways does it help him?
- 7 Have your hobbies ever given you an opportunity to do something interesting or helpful? How do they help you get through difficult times?
- 8 Learning that the long lost family recipe book was hidden in his home all along is a surprise to Luca. How would you have felt in a similar situation?

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

