



Cape

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Tome Society It List Discussion Guide

Club Tome October Book of the Month

Pre-reading questions

1. Have you ever experienced or witnessed bullying? How did you handle the situation?
2. In *Cape*, all of the world's superheros have disappeared when it seems the world needs them the most (during World War II). What are your predictions about why they have disappeared?
3. This book is set in World War II. Have you read any other books with a similar setting? What genre or setting is your favorite to read?

Post-reading questions

1. Chapter Two starts with the line, "When the world needs a hero, sometimes you have to become one." Talk about what this line means to you.
2. On page 65, Josie says, "And it occurred to me that prejudices are a lot like allergies. They make it hard for us to really see." What does it mean to be prejudiced? Can you think of examples where prejudice was harmful?
3. Who did you relate to the most - Josie, Mae, or Akiko? Why?
4. Parts of the novel were in comic book/graphic novel form. Did you enjoy those parts of the book? Why or why not?
5. Josie, Mae, and Akiko's powers are weak at first. Hauntima tells them they need practice to get stronger. What is something that you are good at that took a lot of practice?
6. In chapter 13, the diner owner won't serve Mae and Akiko and makes the girls leave. Josie says, "It's like there's two wars...One fighting against the Nazis and the other against people like him." What do you think she meant by this statement? How are the two similar?
7. In the story, Josie discovers that Harry is a double agent. Did you see this coming or were you totally surprised?
8. Kay McNulty was a real person. She worked as a computer for the American forces during WWII and helped develop ENIAC (Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer), the first digital computer. Do some research on Ms. McNulty and her team and discuss what you find.

Post-reading activities

1. Create a piece of fan art based on the book (we suggest a comic strip!). Follow the guidelines at tomesociety.org/competitions to enter it into the Tome Fan Art competition.
2. In World War II, both the Axis and the Allied powers used codes and ciphers. Do some research and create a historical fiction infographic based on the information you find. Follow the guidelines to enter it into the Tome Historical Fiction Infographic competition.
3. Work with a partner and create your own cipher or secret code. See if another team can crack it!

More About This Book

Publisher's Discussion Guide:

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