



# Caterpillar Summer

By Gillian McDunn

Club Tome Society It List Discussion Guide



## Pre-reading questions

1. Think of a nickname you have been given. What is the meaning behind it and does it represent you?
2. Think back on a time when you had to apologize to someone you cared about. How did it make you feel?
3. Who or what is something that you have to take care of? Why do you take care of this person or thing? Would you continue to do it if you had the choice not to?

## Post-reading questions

1. Why do you think that Cat's mother made Cat take care of Chicken so often? How does Cat feel about having this responsibility?
2. Cat's and Chicken's mom uses experiences from their lives for ideas for her books. How would you feel if someone wrote about your life? What if they did it without permission?
3. Other than fishing, what are some things Cat learned on Gingerbread Island? How did she change?
4. Why did it take so long for Macon to apologize to Cat's mother?
5. \*SPOILER ALERT\* How does Cat feel about getting second place in the fishing competition?
6. How do each of the characters change from the beginning of the book to the end?
7. In your opinion, do you think Cat and Chicken's summer with their grandparents turned out better than if they had gone to Atlanta?

## Post-reading activities

1. Write a poem relating to *Caterpillar Summer*. Follow the guidelines [here](#) and enter it into the Poetry competition.
2. Write a letter to Gillian McDunn from one of the characters in *Caterpillar Summer*. Follow the guidelines and enter your letter into the Student Book Choice Character to Author Letter competition.

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