



# Remarkables

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### Tome Society It List Discussion Guide



#### Pre-reading questions

1. One of the themes of this book is the importance of family. Have you read any other books that have a similar theme? What are your predictions for how this theme will play out in the book?
2. What do you like about the cover? Does it match the description of the book? If you could change the cover, how would you redesign it?
3. This book opens with the main character's family dealing with several life changing events: her family moves states, her mom starts a new job, and the addition of Marin's new baby brother after Marin had been the only child for many years. Have you ever experienced a lot of change in a short amount of time in your life? What are some ways you deal with change in your life?

#### Post-reading questions

1. Did you like how this book ended? Were you surprised by it? If you could change the ending of this book, how would you change it and why?
2. Who were your favorite and least favorite characters? Why?
3. What flaws did you recognize in the main character? How did Marin change as the book progressed? Did she overcome her flaws or did they help her in some way?
4. What lessons did the main character learn in the story?
5. In the story, Marin deals with conflicting emotions about a friendship ending and bullying. What lessons did Marin learn through this experience?
6. How did this book relate to the Tome Society 2021-2022 Annual Theme, "Turn the Page"?
7. If you could change something about one of the characters, what would you change and why?
8. Who is a role model for Marin? Do you think they were a good or bad choice? How did their example influence Marin's life?
9. Come up with a Like, Try, Why for this book. Tell the group another book they should try if they like this book, and why they are similar or would appeal to a reader who enjoyed this book.

#### Post-reading activities (2-3)

1. Write a poem from the point of view of a character. Follow the guidelines for the "It List Poem" competition and you enter your poem in the Fall Competition. See details at [tomesociety.org/competitions](https://tomesociety.org/competitions)
2. Create a book vlog sharing why others should read this book. Follow the guidelines for the "It List Book Review Vlog" competition and you enter your video in the Fall Competition. See details at [tomesociety.org/competitions](https://tomesociety.org/competitions)

#### More About This Book

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