





Reader's Choice Book Clubs Period 1



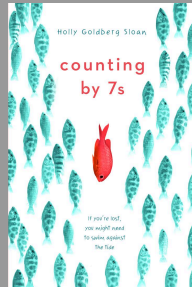
The Martian

Discussion Questions:

- How did Mark survive the storm that left him on Mars? Explain it in a way that we can all understand.
- As Mark made his way up the hill back to the Hab, why did he know he was doomed?
- How do you think his crew mates felt to leave Mark on Mars?
- How does the language contribute and enrich the way the story is told? Was it necessary? Why or why not?
- Do you agree with the way that NASA told the public? What should they have done differently?

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<div>Sydney Fluker</div> <p>I would recommend this to people who like comedy and science fiction. This book was interesting with all the science stuff, and it was a very good read.</p>	Someone, Mark Watney, wanted to survive on Mars, but many things prevented him from surviving so he problem solved his way to surviving then able to survive for a long period of time.	Questions: CB: How does mark watney grow the potatoes successfully?	<p>I am especially interested in how you think the story would change if it was only told by Mark's perspective and you didn't get to know what was going on on earth.</p> <p>Do you think it is important and realistic to explore Mars? Explain. Is the risk worth the benefits?</p> <p>Why do you think it was important to test and retest all of his solutions? Was it really necessary to have the exact weights an measurements in the tests?</p>
<div>Pranav Datta</div> <p>I would recommend this book to anyone that enjoys comedy in books. The comedy in this book is hilarious. I would also recommend this book to anyone that likes survival books. The way he problem solves is very unique and interesting and is scientifically accurate.</p>		Why did the Hab blow up? PD	
<div>Amanda Dilger</div>		How did the first attempt on saving Watney fail? PD	
		How does Mark Watney rig the Rover to hold all the solar panels and supplies for his journey to Schiaparelli? CB	
		How does Mark know how to deal with all the mechanical problems if he's a botanist? I understand they have training, but there was an engineer on the trip with them, so why would he need to know how to do all that? Didn't they only teach him a few things in case of a little malfunction?	
		Why would he risk getting cancer on a planet where no one could help him for a what-if scenario?	
		AD: Why did NASA not just send a quick mission to save Mark Watney?	
		AD: Why did Watney keep trying if he didn't think he would ever be saved?	
		KC: How does Mark Watney communicate with NASA and how does he do it?	
		KC: How does Mark Watney feel about his team leaving him on mars?	



<p>I would recommend this book to anyone who wants an interesting story that still is a bit funny. The book portrays both the sense of humor and seriousness of the character Mark Watney.</p>			
<p>Cameron Brace I would recommend this book to all people who like the isolationist style of writing. The book portrays a sense of wittiness in humor, and an overall theme of never give up regardless of what happens. It is a very unique book because it really nails the sense of isolation and the thought of him against the planet, elements, and time.</p>			
<p>Kory Cooper I would recommend this book to everyone, but especially to those who like science, survival, and space. The book is full of action as well as scientific explanations from Mark Watney.</p>			
<p>Conor Dobbs READ THIS BOOK IF U WANT A THRILLING ADVENTURE OF A MAN ABOUT TO DIE EVERY SECOND OF THE WAY BUT SOMEHOW DOESN'T</p>			



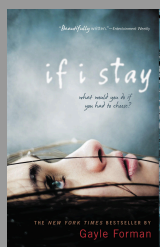
Counting by 7s

Discussion Questions:

- As the novel opens, Willow Chance tells readers, "I do not like to exclude people (I'm the one who is always excluded, so I know how that feels)." With this statement, Willow offers readers some insight to her life. Why is she someone who is regularly left out? How does this experience shape how Willow chooses to respond to others?
- When it is discovered that Willow is "highly gifted." She declares that "It's possible that all labels are curses. Unless they are on cleaning products." Do you agree with her assessment? Why or why not? Can you think of any advantages to having a label? What are the disadvantages?
- Describe the relationship between Willow's parents, Roberta and Jimmy Chance. From what you discover in the novel, what makes their relationship such a close one?
- After learning about the loss of her parents, Willow states, "I sit on the front steps. The tears will not stop. And I almost never cry. But I'm not myself. I will forever be someone else now." Predict how you think Willow's life will be forever changed.
- Willow states, "I've never seen this person in my life. But her arms are around me. Tight. Because the woman is so strong, you'd think her hug would choke me. But instead, it's the first time I can get a full breath into my lungs since I heard what happened." Why do you think Mai's mother, Pattie, is able to get such a reaction from Willow? In what ways may Pattie be exactly what Willow needs?

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Carly Chabrier I would definitely recommend this book to anyone looking for a good story about a middle schooler	Willow Chance only wanted a simple life with her parents whom she loved and cherished with her garden, but when her parents perish in a car crash, her whole world was changed. So, many people affected her life in a huge way and then she finds a home in the greatest way imaginable.	Questions: What was the original purpose of Dell Duke bringing his cat to show Willow? What did he actually find out from that incident? CC	I'd like to hear you all talk about what you think the themes are in this story. What do you learn? How do you connect with this story?
Aishni Jolly I would recommend this book to middle schoolers that are looking for a book that can relate to them and have them interested until the last page.		Why did Willow always request the same taxi driver, and how did she help him with his life? CC What did Dell mean when he said that " But that wasn't the mutation. It was bigger than that. It was on the inside." ? Does Willow have anything to do with this? (AJ)	
Vanessa Montiel- I would recommend this book because of how it is easy to relate to and it is very interesting the changes that Willow		After Mai sees the book called <i>Understanding Vietnamese Customs and Traditions</i> why does she decide that Willow is coming with her? (AJ) Why do you think that Willow felt so close to Pattie after she only knew her for a day? (VM)	



Chance had to endure.			
<p>Elsa Pratt</p> <p>I would definitely recommend this book because it can relate to some people at school, and many people can make connections to this book. This book can show people that being different is ok, and that when you lose something, don't give up on anything.</p>		<p>How does Dell Duke feel when he sees Willow get a perfect test score? (VM)</p> <p>Why is Willow so important to Jairo? Why does he think she is an angel to him? EP</p> <p>Why is the #7 so important to Willow?EP</p> <p>Why do you believe Quang-Ha warms up to Willow? Why was he so opposed to her in the beginning? ZW</p> <p>Why is Willow's garden so important to this story? How come the garden becomes symbolic for her and her life throughout this story? ZW</p>	
<p>Zoe Whelan</p> <p>I would recommend this book if you've ever felt somewhat on the outside of things, or ever been left out of what mattered to you. This book establishes a sense of belonging in a world that rejects togetherness.</p>			



If I Stay

Discussion Questions:

- The story opens with school being closed because of inclement weather and Mia's family deciding to take a trip to visit friends and relatives. Describe the mood of the morning. What role does this scene play when tragedy hits?
- Mia's grandparents each play an influential role in her life. What do each of them give her? How are these relationships similar? Different? How have they influenced Mia's father?
- Mia's father loves rock music unlike his daughter who loves classical music. However, he is willing to give up his passion, a rock music, just for his child, Mia. Is Mia's dad's abandonment of a rock music sacrifice or choice? Explain.
- Mia is struggling with the choice wanting to die and wanting to live. What effect does Gramps's visit have on Mia's life?
- Why do you think Mia flashes back to when she went on a Julliard audition with her grandfather? What is the significance of this scene for Mia?

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<p>Elizabeth Kostalnick</p> <p>I would recommend this book to anyone who loves realistic fiction. I thought that this book was a great book and I loved the way the author wrote the book. At first I was somewhat bored but, once the car crash hit in the second chapter I was hooked.</p>	<p>Someone got into a terrible accident</p> <p>wanted to find her family</p> <p>but her family was injured</p> <p>so she remembers her life before</p> <p>then she had to decide whether to stay or go.</p>	<p>Questions:</p> <p>Imagine that you were in Mia's position, what would you chose, to stay or move on to the afterlife with your family? EK</p> <p>Do you believe that Mia's decision was the right decision? EK</p> <p>Why do you think that Mia decided to stay? What were the factors in her decision? KM</p> <p>Do you think that even though Mia loved her family she felt left out and that could have affected her decision? KM</p> <p>Why didn't she become like her Mom and Dad. What inspired her to be different? MP</p> <p>Why did Mia's dad give up everything for her, Why would he think this could help her later on?MP</p> <p>What was the cause of Mia remembering events in her life during her time in the hospital. TA</p> <p>How can Mia's life be applied to ours and with the same difficult choice? Either to stay with the rest of her loving family and boyfriend or to go and join her parents and brother. TA</p> <p>What does Mia have in common with her mother and father? AA</p> <p>What happens when Gramps visits Mia in the hospital? AA</p>	<p>What are your thoughts on near death experiences? We've heard stories about people who have nearly died and then come back to tell incredible stories of what they experienced?</p> <p>Do you think that what happened to Mia is possible? Is it something that could only be experienced by someone with strong religious beliefs? Explain.</p>
<p>Kelly Meyrath</p> <p>I would recommend this book because this book really shows how an out of body can change an effect on whether one person decides whether they can live with the pain or if they can't and choose to go on. I think that this book made the whole decision process very interesting and it was hard to put the book down.</p>			
<p>Malyssa Perez</p> <p>Yes I would recommend this book because most books aren't written like this and it was a great book to read.</p>			
<p>Angel Alger</p> <p>Yes I would recommend this book because it is a</p>			



great book and I loved the way the author wrote it. I recommend this book to anyone who likes books about love and family and realistic fiction.			
<p>Tasniem Abadalla</p> <p>I would recommend this book because it includes many emotions, adventures, and real life events. The author uses perfect adjectives and an extraordinary setting for this book. This book attaches a hook to the reader to grab them into the story as if they were there to witness the pleasant and gloomy memories that belong to a young teenage girl, Mia.</p>			



Love, Stargirl

Discussion Questions:

- Stargirl writes to Leo early in the novel that nothing is empty. Even when she is sitting alone on the hill, she feels as if she is at the center of the universe. What does this observation reveal about Stargirl and her sense of herself?
- At first, Stargirl is reluctant to tell Leo much about her new home. Why is she a bit secretive? Why does she eventually relent and tell Leo more and more about her new location?
- When Stargirl arrives at Mica High School, people notice her. Name three ways in which her appearance or behavior differs from that of other students.
- Think about the setting of the story, which takes place in an Arizona desert community. Identify passages that help you "see" the plants, animals, terrain, and climate in Leo's town.

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Olivia Murphy I recommend this book because it was a great story and teens might find it interesting.	Someone Stargirl wanted to be happy and know how she feels but she does now know what she feels about Leo so she tries to get over him then Perry confuses her even more.	Questions: How does stargirl feel about leo? KA Does stargirl agree with Alvina's ways and how does she feel about her? KA On the day of the Solstice, Dootsie forced Betty Lou out of her house. Do you think this was an okay thing to do? MKM In what ways are Pennsylvania (the setting of <u>Love, Stargirl</u>) different from Arizona (the setting of <u>Stargirl</u>)? How might this have affected the story? MKM	I'd like to here you all talk about what you think the themes are in this story. What do you learn? How do you connect with this story?
Mary Kate Machi I would definitely recommend this book because it adds on a lot more interesting variables to Stargirl's relationships and friendships and makes the story of Stargirl much more interesting after the first book.			
Katherine			



Almy I recommend this book to young readers but it will be interesting to teens too. It teaches life lessons.			
Emma Haus I recommend this book to any young adult readers who like reading about love, strange beings, and people in general. If you like human beings, this book is for you.			



Things Not Seen

Discussion Questions:

- Describe Bobby's personality based on his relationship with his parents.
- What kind of a person is Bobby? How does being invisible change him throughout the book?
- Why does being invisible make Bobby feel brave enough to challenge his parents in ways that he would not have otherwise?
- Why is Bobby surprised by his parents' notes?
- Based on his parents reactions, what does this tell you about them?

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Isabella Guevara	Group Think Summary Someone, Bobby wanted to be rid of invisibility but he couldn't because he didn't know how so he found a girl, Alicia,, who helped him then she found out something important.	To prepare for your live discussion, each of you should create two questions and write them in the box below. Include your initials after each question that you add. Questions: How do you think that Bobby meeting Alicia effect the story and his life? BRL Why did Bobby tell Alicia that he was invisible when he wasn't supposed to? LS How did Bobby become invisible? Has the happened to anybody else before? LS What do you think would have happened if Bobby didn't tell Alicia's parents about his invisibility?BRL Do you think Bobby would have figured out why he was invisible (in time) without Alicia? Why? IGL How different do you think the story would have been if Alicia was not blind? Do you think any key events would have changed? Why? IGL	Is invisibility a power or a curse? Explain.
I would recommend this book to someone who is interested in action and books with suspense. The writing is good and the plot is original and interesting.			
Lonnie Solomon			
I think that this book would be good for someone who likes to know what happens next. If you like action, then this would not be the book for you because there is not a lot of action but there is a lot of mystery. The writing is very a descriptive			

and easy to understand.			
Bryanna Rivera			
I would recommend this book to other people because there is a lot of excitement. This book is good for someone would likes suspense and wanting to know how to they cured something. This book is very simple, but very descriptive. Many people will understand the storyline. The plot is very good and original.			