

Squished

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Book Talk:

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Discussion Questions:

- What is Avery's main challenge in the story?
- What does Avery wish for the most in the story?
- How important is it to have your own space?
- What are some ways to cope with a hectic environment?

- What are some examples of Avery's "squished" feeling in the story?
- How does Avery's desire for space and privacy affect her relationships with her family?
- What does the book say about the importance of finding balance between family and personal needs?

Activities:

- Draw your dream room