

Airball: My Life in Briefs

by L. D. Harkrader

Questions

1. Name 2 of the 3 items Kirby's grandmother bought him for practice that demonstrated that she was "less confident in my [his] athletic ability than she let on?
Answer: She bought ace bandages, an ice pack, and a quart-size jar of professional strength deep-heating rub. (p. 43 PB)
2. What was Kirby's first job as team captain?
Answer: He had to find the janitor to unlock the supply closet (to clean locker room). (p. 51 PB)
3. In what state did Brent McGrew play college basketball, and in what state did he now play?
Answer: He played in Kansas and Arizona. (p. 52 PB)
4. Where and when did Kirby see Coach execute "Brett McGrew's famous spinning layup"?
Answer: He saw him in the high school gymnasium on Halloween night. (p. 63 PB)
5. Where did Kirby and Bragger find the medal they believed had belonged to Kirby's dad?
Answer: They found it inside the prairie dog head. (p. 66 PB)
6. Why does Mrs. Zimmer say the team will be allowed to play its opening game against Whipple?
Answer: The alumni association already bought pop and hot dogs for concessions. (p. 79 PB)
7. Who was Kirby surprised to find was the best free-throw shooter on his team?
Answer: It was Duncan Webber. (p. 86 PB)
8. What was known as "The Hulk"?
Answer: It was a sad excuse for a lunch table. (p. 109 PB)
9. Who wore number 23 and who wore number 5 in the picture from the trophy case?
Answer: Coach (Iron Man Mike Armstrong) and Brett McGrew wore these numbers. (p. 121 PB)
10. What made Kirby decide that the Coach really believed in Stealth uniforms and had bought "13 boxes of air"?
Answer: He found the paid-in-full receipt to Stealth Sportswear. (p.135 PB)

All the Lovely Bad Ones

by Mary Downing Hahn

Questions

1. What did Seth keep taking from Mrs. Kowalski during dinner?
Answer: He took her napkins. (p. 96 HB)
2. What was the total number of bad ones?
Answer: The total number was twelve. (p. 87 HB)
3. Why were Corey and Travis spending the summer with their grandmother?
Answer: They were kicked out of summer camp. (p. 2 HB)
4. What was the ghost in Vera Bartholomew's house fond of?
Answer: He was fond of an armchair. (p. 118 HB)
5. Who recorded the history of Fox Hill?
Answer: Reverend William Plaistow recorded it. (p. 87 HB)
6. Why did Mrs. Brewster work at Fox Hill?
Answer: Seth was her great-great-great-grandfather's nephew. It was her responsibility to take care of him. (p. 136 HB)
7. What type of residence was Fox Hill Farm between 1821 and 1841?
Answer: It was a poor farm. (p. 88 HB)
8. What did Corey's grandmother have made for the bad ones?
Answer: A large stone or headstone with their names chiseled on it. (p. 159 and p.176 HB)
9. What happened to Miss Ada's book?
Answer: Corey and Travis gave it to the county historical society. (p. 164 HB)
10. Why were the bad ones afraid of Miss Ada's ghost?
Answer: She looks at them and brought back all of the hurt of being alive. She made them feel grief, hunger, thirst, and cold. (p. 112 HB)

Dragon Slippers

by Jessica Day George

Questions

1. What scheme did Creel's aunt devise in order to save the family from being poor after Creel's parents died of the fever?
Answer: The aunt thought that Creel should be abducted by the dragon. Then a prince would come and rescue her and the family could go and live in a castle. (p. 2 HB)
2. What was Creel's full name?
Answer: Her full name was Creelisel Carlbrun. (p. 5 HB)
3. What was the name of the first dragon that Creel meets and what does he collect?
Answer: The dragon's name was Theoradus and he collected shoes. (p. 7 and p. 15 HB)
4. What kind of shoes did Creel select from the dragon's collection?
Answer: She chose a pair of azure blue slippers that were made of very soft, thick leather. (pp. 18-19 HB)
5. What was the name of the dragon that saved Creel when she was in the woods and what does he collect?
Answer: Shardas was the name of the dragon and he collected stained glass. (p. 41 and p. 45 HB)
6. What profession did Shardas's long ago human friend practice?
Answer: The man was an alchemist. (p. 43 HB)
7. What talent did Creel have that she had learned from her mother?
Answer: Creel could do creative and beautiful embroidery. (p. 52 HB)
8. Whose dog did Creel accidentally step on?
Answer: She accidentally stepped on Amalia's dog. (p. 70 and p. 74 HB)
9. Why was the dragon Feniul able to not be affected by the slippers' powers?
Answer: Feniul wore a special collar that Shardas had left for him in his cave. It was made of herbs that counteracted the power of the slippers. (pp. 233-235 HB)
10. Who stole the powerful blue slippers and used them against Creel's country?
Answer: Amalia stole the slippers and used them to make the dragons attack Creel's country. (p. 273 HB)

The Entertainer and the Dybbuk

by Sid Fleischman

Questions

1. What role had Freddie performed in the war?
Answer: He was a pilot. (p. 10 HB)
2. Why did the dybbuk insult Consuelo the “Spanish dancer?”
Answer: She appeared to be a German Nazi to him based on his observations and the used fur she was wearing. (pp. 36-37 HB)
3. Why did the dybbuk refuse to do Friday night and Saturday matinee performances?
Answer: He refused to work during the Jewish Sabbath (Shabbes; Shabbos). (pp. 64-5 HB)
4. While Freddie was not Jewish, he was partly descended from another minority group. What was it?
Answer: He was 1/8 Cheyenne. (p. 91 HB)
5. How was SS Officer Junker-Strupp hiding in plain sight in Europe?
Answer: He was tattooed on the forearm with concentration-camp number J117722. (p. 109 HB)
6. Why did Polly want her uncle Wimble in Mobile to meet Freddie?
Answer: As the family Klansman (bigot), she felt a heart attack would do him good. (p. 129 HB)
7. Why did Avrom Amos carry a bottle of carbolic acid while hiding from the Nazis?
Answer: He used it to stink of sickness so the SS would not kill them or come near (Typhus). (p. 143 HB)
8. What led the man to suspect the Inverted Jenny was stolen, and what was an Inverted Jenny?
Answer: The seller’s tattoo said he was Jewish, but he did not know any Yiddish, and he was smoking expensive Egyptian cigarettes. The Jenny was a rare stamp. (pp. 134-5 HB)
9. What did the dybbuk refer to when he said, “Don’t forget to pay the charity for the Swiss stamp dealer?”
Answer: Instead of a reward, the man who gave information on the SS officer’s whereabouts had asked Freddie to make a donation to a Jewish charity. (p. 163 and p. 136 HB)
10. What was Avrom Amos’ final revenge on the man who killed him?
Answer: To possess his body until he died, after having him justly convicted of murder. (p. 174 HB)

First Light

by Rebecca Stead

Questions

1. What illness does Peter's mother have that she thinks will be passed on to Peter?
Answer: She gets very bad headaches a couple times per year. (p. 4 HB)
2. What did Peter's father do for a living?
Answer: He was a glaciologist. (p. 7 HB)
3. How does Peter's father describe global warming to his mother?
Answer: "*Glo-bal warm-ing*. The notion that gasses are gathering inside the earth's atmosphere, you know. Warming the planet, melting the ice caps, and generally wreaking havoc with the balance of nature as it now exists." (p. 11 HB)
4. What did Thea wear that represented the bloodline of her family?
Answer: She wore seven bracelets. (p. 37 HB)
5. What were the Chikchu?
Answer: They were originally a pack of wild dogs that the Settlers named Chikchu. They were the guides for the Settlers. (p. 62 HB)
6. To what country did Peter and his family travel so the father could continue his research?
Answer: They traveled to Greenland. (p. 64 HB)
7. What object did Peter find in the ice wall and what does it remind him of later in the story?
Answer: He found a bright red ring that was woven and twisted looking. Later in the story, Peter sees this same object and it is identified as mitochondrial DNA. (pp. 95 and 137 HB)
8. What was the original name of Thea's home?
Answer: It was originally called Grace's Hope, but was shortened to Gracehope over the years. (p. 102 HB)
9. How do Thea and Peter meet?
Answer: Mattias has an accident and Thea asks Peter for help to rescue him. (p. 174 HB)
10. How does Peter's father's knowledge about global warming help Thea and her people?
Answer: His father would teach Berling and a few apprentices how to recognize signs that the ice was breaking up. (p. 322 HB)

Found

by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Questions

1. What did Jonah receive in the mail?
Answer: He received a letter saying, "You are one of the missing. (p. 20 HB)
2. How did Chip find out he was adopted?
Answer: He was telling his father about Jonah's letter after he had received one, and then he asked his father if he was adopted. (p. 30 HB)
3. Why did Katherine go with Jonah and Chip to the adoption meeting?
Answer: Because she said they would be paying attention to the sessions, and they would need her to talk to the other kids. (p. 217 HB)
4. What words did Angela see at first on the side of the airplane?
Answer: She saw the words Tachyon Travel. (p. 9 HB)
5. What did Jonah and Chip find in Chip's father's safe?
Answer: A yellow Post-it note that said 'James Reardon (513) 555-0192.' (p. 41 HB)
6. What was the code for Chip's father's safe?
Answer: Chip's birth date was the code. (p. 37 HB)
7. How did Mr. Hodge and Gary get the "survivors" to the meeting?
Answer: They sent a flyer in the mail to the parents of all the adopted children that announced a conference scheduled for adoptees in their teens. (p. 213 HB)
8. Why did Katherine pretend to be someone else at the adoption meeting?
Answer: She wanted to be able to go with the group of teens that were "survivors." (p. 237 HB)
9. Where did Mr. Hodge and Gary take the "survivors?"
Answer: They took them to a cave in the forest in Clarksville. (p. 46 HB)
10. How did Katherine get the witness list?
Answer: She took a picture of the list with her cell phone. (p. 98 HB)

Gabriel's Horses

by Alison Hart

Questions

1. What is the name of the man who raids horses in Kentucky?
Answer: His name is One Arm and he has a group of men that travel with him. (p. 8 HB)
2. Why does Pa save every bit of his wages?
Answer: He saves so one day he can buy Gabriel's and his mother's freedom. (p. 12 HB)
3. In what time period does this story take place?
Answer: It takes place during the United States Civil War. (p. 14 HB)
4. What is the name of the horse that Gabriel rides?
Answer: The horse's name is Tenpenny. (p. 19 HB)
5. When the African American Union soldiers catch Gabriel, what do they teasingly tell him they are going to do with him?
Answer: They accuse Gabriel of being a Confederate spy and that they are going to hang him. (p. 28 HB)
6. What is Pa's talent?
Answer: He has a magic way with horses. (p. 31 HB)
7. What happens to Jackson so that Gabriel becomes Tenpenny's jockey?
Answer: Jackson's arm is broken by another jockey during a race. (p. 39 HB)
8. Does Gabriel win his first race?
Answer: Yes, he crosses the finish line first. (p. 47 HB)
9. What does Pa decide to do when he is in Lexington?
Answer: Pa joins the Union army. (p. 52 HB)
10. Who saves Gabriel and the horses?
Answer: Pa and the other Union soldiers save Gabriel and the horses from One Arm. (p. 140 HB)

Go Big or Go Home

by Will Hobbs

Questions

1. When Brady first hears the BOOM, from where does he think it is coming?
Answer: He thinks it is coming from the construction site of the Crazy Horse Memorial Monument.
(p. 2 HB)
2. What had Quinn's father done for a living before he lost his job?
Answer: He was a miner. (p. 10 HB)
3. What breed of dog is Attila?
Answer: He is a Turkish war dog. (p. 16 HB)
4. How did the town of Hill City begin in 1876?
Answer: It started as a gold rush town. (p. 44 HB)
5. Which of the Presidents on Mount Rushmore is Brady's favorite one?
Answer: His favorite is Teddy Roosevelt. (p. 54 HB)
6. What Sioux ceremony was performed on Mount Harney?
Answer: It was Welcoming Back the Thunders. (p. 77 HB)
7. What is a stob?
Answer: It is a strap of metal used to catch worms. (p. 93 HB)
8. What did Brady and Quinn name the room they found in the Halls of the Dead?
Answer: They named it the Palace of the Dead King. (p. 132 HB)
9. Who else was lying, apparently dead, in the Palace of the Dead King?
Answer: It was Attila. (p. 170 HB)
10. What does Dr. Ripley use to bring Brady back to life?
Answer: He uses vinegar nasal spray. (p. 173 HB)

Hot, Sour, Salty, Sweet

by Sherri L. Smith

Questions

1. What caused the graduation dance to have to be canceled?
Answer: A water pipe in the gym explodes during graduation. (p. 6 HB)
2. How many times have Ana's grandparents been able to have dinner cooked at home? Why is it a problem?
Answer: They have only eaten at home three times, all three have been painful experiences because of the huge differences in what each group finds appetizing. (p. 21 HB)
3. What is special about the grocery store Nai Nai wants to go to for food?
Answer: Nai Nai insists on shopping at the Chinese market so she can be sure to find the exact ingredients that she wants for her recipes. (p. 34 HB)
4. What instrument and in what position does Ana play in the band?
Answer: She plays first chair saxophone. (p. 51 HB)
5. What happens when Ana considers dying her hair?
Answer: She decides that if she were to dye her hair she would look too much like Amanda Conrad. (p. 54 HB)
6. What happened that caused Ana's Ye Ye to decide it was time to teach her dad to begin using knives?
Answer: Ana's dad took out his father's ceremonial sword and cut a hole in the ceiling. His dad decided that if he wanted to cut things he needed to learn how to use knives correctly. (p. 63 HB)
7. What do Nai Nai and Ye Ye give Ana that "beats" the riverboat cruise from Grandma and Grandpa White?
Answer: They give Ana a trip to Taiwan. (p. 110 HB)
8. When Grandpa White tells the "Chicken Story" at dinner, in which war had he been a soldier?
Answer: He was a soldier in World War II. (p. 131 HB)
9. Who are the additional guests that show up unexpectedly to the Shen's graduation party? Who invited them to come?
Answer: They are Amanda Conrad and her mother and Mr. Tabata had invited them. (p. 118 HB)
10. What happens to make the Tabata parents leave the party angry?
Answer: Ana gets angry because Mr. Tabata has insulted her family. She tells him how rude she thinks he is and asks him to leave. (p. 150 HB)

Into the Wild

by Sarah Beth Durst

Questions

1. Where do Mom and Julie keep the Wild?
Answer: The Wild is housed under Julie's bed. (p. 3 HB)
2. Who was Julie's adopted brother?
Answer: Julie's brother was five-hundred-year-old Puss in Boots. (p. 27 HB)
3. Who was Julie's mother?
Answer: Julie's mom was Rapunzel. (p. 34 HB)
4. What kind of business does Dame Gothel, Julie's grandmother own?
Answer: She owns and runs a motel with a wishing well. (p. 36 HB)
5. What did Julie wish that upset her mother?
Answer: "I wish that Grandma would let me make a wish in the well," Julie said. "I'd wish you weren't my mother." (p. 42 HB)
6. Why did Zel go into the Wild?
Answer: Zel went into the Wild to save her mother, Gothel. (p. 55 HB)
7. How many original Snow White dwarfs were there?
Answer: There were thirteen original dwarfs. (p. 232 HB)
8. Who told the Prince and Rapunzel about the wishing well?
Answer: Snow White's dwarfs told them about the wishing well. (p. 232 HB)
9. By what rules does the Wild have to play?
Answer: The Wild has to play by its own rules. (p. 242 HB)
10. What kind of world did the Wild offer?
Answer: The Wild offered the world as it should be. Life would be fair and everyone would have a place. Everyone would live happily ever after. (p. 243 HB)

La Línea

by Ann Jaramillo

Questions

1. What did Captain Morales want from the passengers on the bus?
Answer: He wanted a bribe (money). (p. 39 HB)
2. Where is Miguel when he realizes Elena followed him?
Answer: He was on the bus. (p. 40 HB)
3. What gift does Abuela give to Miguel to protect him?
Answer: She gives him a Virgen de Guadalupe medallion. (p. 33 HB)
4. When Miguel and Elena are robbed in the town what is the only sentimental item they recover?
Answer: Mama's letters are recovered. (p. 57 HB)
5. What do the people call the freight train?
Answer: They call it the mata gente or people killer. (p. 62 HB)
6. What secret did Don Clemente tell Miguel about his passage to America?
Answer: He offered to help him years ago but his father was too proud to accept his help (p.16 HB)
7. What final gift did Javi gives to Miguel and Elena?
Answer: He gives them his water. (p. 117 HB)
8. What does Elena do upon her graduation from high school?
Answer: She returns to Mexico. (p. 122 HB)
9. Who does Elena marry?
Answer: She marries Miguel's friend Chuy. (p. 123 HB)
10. What do the muggers steal from Miguel and Elena besides money?
Answer: They steal Chuy's knife and Lalo's soccer jersey. (p. 55 HB)

The Misadventures of Maude March

by Audrey Coulombis

Questions

1. How did Aunt Ruthie die?
Answer: A stray bullet hit Aunt Ruthie in the heart and killed her. (p. 287 HB)
2. With what family did Maude and Sallie live after Aunt Ruthie died?
Answer: The sisters went to live with the Reverend Peasley, his wife, and five children. (p. 23 HB)
3. What were dime novels or 'dimers'?
Answer: Dime novels were short, inexpensive books that were popular made-up stories. (p. 2 HB)
4. Who was Joe Harden and who had he shot?
Answer: Joe's real name was Marion Hardly and he had shot Aunt Ruthie. (pp. 82-83 HB)
5. What famous brothers finally make headlines in the newspaper and take the focus off of Maude?
Answer: The James brothers make the headlines instead of Maude. (p. 272 HB)
6. Why do Maude and Sallie decide to leave the Peasley's and where are they going?
Answer: Maude is told that she will have to marry Mr. Wilburn and the sisters decide to leave and go to Independence to find their Uncle Arlen. (pp. 36-37 HB)
7. Before the girls head for Independence, they go back to the farm house to get two very important items. What were these items?
Answer: The girls needed Uncle Arlen's letters and a compass. (p. 49 HB)
8. Why does Maude get her name in the *Cedar Rapids Times*?
Answer: The Reverend Peasley reports that Maude has stolen his buggy horse and that Maude has done crazy with grief. (p. 97 HB)
9. What does Maude get accused of in the newspapers?
Answer: The newspapers claim that Maude and her gang were bank robbers and horse thieves. She was also accused of killing a man. (pp. 97, 176, 256, and 261 HB)
10. Where do the girls find their Uncle Arlen?
Answer: They find him in a blacksmith shop that he owns. (p. 279 HB)

Runaway

by Wendy Van Draanen

Questions

1. What was Holly doing when the Benders accused her of stealing?
Answer: Holly was looking for a match. (p. 10 HB)
2. What is the one thing you can't survive without according to Holly?
Answer: Holly thinks you can't survive without warmth. (p. 17 HB)
3. What did Holly land on when she dropped onto the moving train?
Answer: She landed on potatoes. (p. 41 HB)
4. Why does Holly keep her hair under her hat?
Answer: Holly keeps her hair hidden to look like a boy and because it is dirty. (p. 47 HB)
5. In what city did Holly encounter a cement river?
Answer: Holly found a cement river in Los Angeles. (p. 80 HB)
6. What animals did Holly see performing a psychic act on the boardwalk?
Answer: She saw cats in a psychic act. (p. 112 HB)
7. What happened to the lady from the rescue wagon who gave out free sandwiches?
Answer: She was arrested. (p. 156 HB)
8. What is Holly's Place of Interest #1?
Answer: Holly's Place of Interest #1 is CeCe's Thrift Store. (p. 200 HB)
9. What does Holly use to make a house in a dried-up river bed?
Answer: She uses a refrigerator box. (p. 205 HB)
10. To whom does Holly send her journal?
Answer: Holly sends her journal to Ms. Leone. (p. 244 HB)

Schooled

by Gordon Korman

Questions

1. How do the students choose who will be the president of the 8th grade class at Claverage Middle?
Answer: The person who students viewed as the biggest “loser” was chosen. (p. 14 HB)
2. What is Cap told is the first part of his job as president?
Answer: His job is to learn everyone in the schools names. (p. 37 HB)
3. Cap finds something in his locker and the way he handles it begins to change how students feel about him. What did he find and what did he do with it?
Answer: When Cap finds a dead bird in his locker he takes it out into the yard and buries it. (p. 41 HB)
4. Why is Mrs. Donnelly so able to understand how difficult it is for Cap to adjust to life away from Garland Farm?
Answer: She lived there with her parents when she was a child. (p. 11 HB)
5. What does Cap do that softens Sophie’s attitude towards him?
Answer: He teaches her how to drive. (p. 59 HB)
6. Why are Zach and his friends frustrated by Cap’s reactions to their pranks on him?
Answer: Cap doesn’t seem to notice that they are being mean to him at all. (p. 69 HB)
7. What happens on the school bus that begins to change everyone’s attitude toward Cap?
Answer: He takes over the driving of the bus when the driver collapses and takes him to the hospital. (p. 77 HB)
8. What does Cap do for Sophie to try and cheer her up after her dad leaves? Why does it get him into trouble?
Answer: Cap buys her a bracelet, like the one her dad gave her, but he has it engraved and sent to her so she will think it is from her father. He gets in trouble because he uses school money from the dance to pay for the bracelet. (p. 108 HB)
9. What do Hugh and Zach get together and plan for Cap? How does the school react?
Answer: They put him in a Rhinecliff jersey and send him to the pep rally where he is tackled by the entire team. Most of the students are furious that this happens to Cap and some are afraid that he might be dead when he doesn’t return. (p. 136 HB)
10. What do the students do instead of the Halloween Dance? Who does the planning?
Answer: They hold a tribute to Cap Anderson in the parking lot of the school. Zach and Hugh do the planning. (p. 170 HB)

Wingnut

by Mary Jane Auch

Questions

1. What was Grady's rating system for the places where they lived?
Answer: The rating system was 10 for the best and 1 for the worst. The lowest would be for a place where they did not have food or shelter. (p. 5 HB)
2. What was Grady's favorite book?
Answer: His favorite book was *The Great Gilly Hopkins*. (p. 15 HB)
3. What holds Grady's mom's car together?
Answer: Russ uses tape to hold it together. (p. 21 HB)
4. Why did Roger and his wife want someone to stay with his father?
Answer: Roger and his wife were moving to Florida and they wanted someone to cook for and look after the father. (p. 46 HB)
5. What did old Charlie like to eat and what did he not like to eat?
Answer: Every night he would eat Salisbury steak and French fries. He did not like to eat any vegetables. (p. 63 HB)
6. At first, what does Grady think that old Charlie is doing with the antennae?
Answer: He thinks that Charlie is trying to lure in aliens. (p. 88 HB)
7. How much money does Grady earn for hanging each gourd?
Answer: He earns 25 cents per gourd. (p. 89 HB)
8. What kind of birds does Charlie help each year?
Answer: Charlie puts up the gourds for nests for purple martin birds. (p. 92 HB)
9. What does Charlie buy so that he can teach Grady mechanic skills?
Answer: He buys an old junker car to be fixed up for Grady's mom. (pp. 130-137 HB)
10. Who will win the bird population contest?
Answer: House sparrows can lay three to four clutches each year. Starlings can lay two clutches a year. Purple martins lay only once per year. (p. 141 HB)