

Billy Creekmore

by Tracey Porter

Questions

1. Why does Billy believe that he will be unlucky for life?
Answer: He was born at midnight on Friday December 13th. (p. 1 PB)
2. How does Billy know his father is still alive?
Answer: He sends him postcards sometimes. (p.3 PB)
3. Why does Mr. Colder come to visit the orphanage?
Answer: To get boys to work in the glass factory. (p. 10 PB)
4. Who jumps Billy in the woods and asks for help?
Answer: Meek Jones (p.40 PB)
5. What happened to Meek Jones after he ran away?
Answer: He drowned.(p.54 PB)
6. Who taught Billy how to be a mule skinner?
Answer: Clayton Nicewander (p. 159 PB)
7. Who comes to pick Billy up from the Guardian Angel Home for Boys?
Answer: Uncle Jim (p. 76 PB)
8. Why do the women walk the men and boys to the mine every morning?
Answer: Its dangerous work and they may never see them again. (p.108 PB)
9. What do Uncle Jim and Aunt Agnes give Billy for Christmas?
Answer: A whip (p.123 PB)
10. What was Billy suppose to have said the minute he was born?
Answer: "There, there." (p. 2 PB)
11. Who does Clyde say is a miner's best friend?
Answer: Rats (p.179 PB)
12. What event forces Billy to leave the mining camp and life with his Aunt and Uncle?
Answer: A raid on the Union camp and his Uncle's death. (p. 215 PB)

The Boy Who Dared

By Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Questions

1. What did Gerhard bring home and lock in the closet?
Answer: He brought in an illegal short-wave radio. (p. 92, HB)
2. What did Helmuth hide under the bed to keep his brother safe?
Answer: He hid his brother's Karl May western novels. (p. 35, HB)
3. Why doesn't Helmuth buy the cake trimmings at Herr Kaltenbach's bakery?
Answer: Herr Kaltenbach closed his store after seeing Nazis beat Herr Seligmann in the street. (p. 32, HB)
4. What happened after the nurse found the Lord Lister card in Rudi's wallet?
Answer: The Gestapo questioned Rudi about being a potential enemy agent. (p. 65, HB)
5. What is Helmuth's final academic thesis about?
Answer: He writes his paper on the difference between National Socialism and a plutocracy. (p. 95, HB)
6. What does the British radio announcer do that makes their news reports more real and accurate?
Answer: They announce their own losses in the war effort. (p. 103, HB)
7. Where does Helmuth work after he graduates from school?
Answer: He works in the social welfare department at the City Hall. (p. 107, HB)
8. What does Helmuth find in the basement of the City Hall?
Answer: He finds rows and rows of forbidden books. (p. 107, HB)
9. What does Helmuth take from work to make his war leaflets look like an official government document?
Answer: He took an official swastika stamper. (p. 129, HB)
10. What does Helmuth type his anti-Nazi leaflets on?
Answer: He types them on a Remington typewriter. (p. 146, HB)

The Changeling

by Delia Sherman

Questions

1. What power protects Neef from consumption and grievous bodily harm?
Answer: The Genius of Central Park. (p. 9)
2. What is Satchel?
Answer: A magic bag that gives Neef food (p. 3)
3. Who is Neef's fairy godfather?
Answer: Pooka.(p. 8)
4. What does the kazna peri give Neef to help her stay awake after the Sandman visits?
Answer: Coffee.(p. 32-41)
5. What special gathering does Neef attend, even though she is forbidden to do so?
Answer: The Solstice Dance. (p. 28-51)
6. Who is the first person to know that Neef was at the Solstice Dance?
Answer: The Green Lady. (p. 49)
7. What does the Hunt love to hunt?
Answer: Mortals. (p. 52)
8. Why does Carlyle the tenga save Neef from the Hunt?
Answer: He wanted to win the Eloise Award for the Naughtiest Child in New York. (p. 57)
9. Who does Neef meet in the closet that Carlyle pushed her into?
Answer: Jennifer Goldhirsch, Neef's fairy changeling. (p. 62-76)
10. Where is the place Neef can go to and be safe from the Hunt?
Answer: The Metropolitan Museum. (p. 91-103)
11. What is the first item Neef must find and give to the Green Lady?
Answer: The Magic Magnifying Mirror of the Mermaid Queen. (p. 119-120)
12. What is the second item Neef must find and give to the Green Lady?
Answer: A ticket to see *Peter Pan*. (p. 121)
13. What is the third item Neef must find and give to the Green Lady?
Answer: The Scales of the Dragon of Wall Street. (p. 121)
14. How did Neef win the mirror from the Mermaid Queen?
Answer: She won a riddle game. (p. 151)
15. How did Neef get the tickets to Peter Pan from the Producer?
Answer: Her fairy changeling fixed his computer and he paid them with the tickets. (p. 181)

Diamonds in the Shadow

by Caroline B. Cooney

Questions

1. What did Mattu tell the airport officials was in the two small cardboard boxes?

Answer: The ashes of his grandparents. (p.22 HB)

2. How did the Amabo family get away from Victor in the airport?

Answer: Victor was the last passenger off the plane, and he was stopped by another refugee aid society woman and put on a plane to Texas (p.27 HB)

3. Why did Mr. Amabo not want to take off his jacket in the airport?

Answer: His hands had been cut off. This could get him sent back to Africa because the refugees in the program had to be able to work. (p.24-25 HB)

4. Why was Jared concerned when Mattu explained how he could read and write in English?

Answer: Mattu explained that Sierra Leone was once an English colony but the refugees were supposed to be from Liberia. (p.73 HB)

5. What did Victor tell Alake to do so that her sister could live?

Answer: Shoot her two teachers at the school. (p.77 HB and p. 104)

6. How did Jared discover the diamonds?

Answer: Jared had his bedroom window open and the boxes were on the window ledge. Water (snow) had blown in and wet the bottoms of the boxes. When Jared picked up the boxes the contents spilled onto the floor. (p.119 HB)

7. What was the rotting smell in Jared's bedroom?

Answer: Mattu was hiding food in the closet. (p.99 HB)

8. What did Mrs. Dowling, the history teacher, want Mattu to sign up for online?

Answer: Mrs. Dowling had found some Internet communication sites where refugees from Africa could try to find relatives and other people who had come over to America. (p.137 HB)

9. What did Tay give Alake?

Answer: Tay brought Alake a puppy to love. (p.165 HB)

10. Why did Victor take Mopsy and Alake to the marina?

Answer: Alake told Victor that she had taken the diamonds and hid them. (p.210 HB)

Do Not Pass Go

by Kirkpatrick Hill

Questions

1. Deet felt like he was the only _____ in the house.
Answer: grown-up (p.12 HB)
2. How did Deet's dad describe him?
Answer: A loner (p.31 HB)
3. Early in the book Deet couldn't stay after and help Nelly, why?
Answer: He had to go to his Grandpa's. (p.34 HB)
4. Why did the police stop Deet's dad?
Answer: He had a headlight out on his truck. (p.48 HB)
5. What did Deet make for breakfast the first morning his dad was in jail ?
Answer: Pancakes (p.68 HB)
6. What game did Deet play with his sisters to distract them when his mom went to visit his dad?
Answer: Chutes and Ladders. (p.73 HB)
7. What did Deet feel like when he went back to school after his dad was arrested?
Answer: A crab without a shell. (p. 78 HB)
8. What did Mr. Hodges teach in jail?
Answer: English. (p.81 HB)
9. Why did Deet need to visit his dad in jail?
Answer: Because his mom's shift as a waitress changed. (p.89 HB)
10. What number did Deet need to know to visit his dad in jail?
Answer: Social Security number. (p. 96 HB)

Football Hero

by Tim Green

Questions

1. At what university does Ty's older brother play college football?
Answer: Syracuse. (p.4 PB)
2. What do Ty's Aunt and Uncle give him for his 12th birthday?
Answer: Work permit. (p.22 PB)
3. How does Ty get picked up for the ESPN dinner with his brother?
Answer: In a limo. (p.76 PB)
4. By which NFL team does Ty's brother, Thane, get drafted?
Answer: New York Jets. (p.103 PB)
5. What does Ty give to Charlotte that makes her so happy?
Answer: An ipod. (p.104 PB)
6. How is Ty able to make Uncle Gus let him off of work to play football at school?
Answer: In order to tell Thane he needs information for the team's fantasy league. (p.130 PB)
7. Who makes sure the football team knows about Ty's job?
Answer: Calvin West. (p.144 PB)
8. Who came to Ty's rescue at school when Calvin wanted to get into a fight at Ty's locker?
Answer: Charlotte. (p.183 PB)
9. From which one of their parents did Ty and Thane inherit their speed?
Answer: Their mother. (p.196 PB)
10. When Coach V was hired he was told he only had one job, what was it?
Answer: To beat Brookfield. (p.254 PB)
11. Where was Thane when Lucy decided he would hurt him to make sure he didn't play?
Answer: At the mall. (p. 280 PB)
12. By how many points does Halpern beat Brookfield?
Answer: 1 point. (p. 290 PB)

The Great Wide Sea

by M.H. Herlong

Questions

1. What major event changes the lives of Ben, Dylan, and Gerry at the beginning of the book ?
Answer: Their mother was killed in a car accident (p.10 HB)
2. What is the name of the sailboat the family buys?
Answer: The Chrysalis (p.19 HB)
3. Gerry has a very big problem being out on the boat, why?
Answer: He can't swim. (p.36 HB)
4. What does Gerry give Ben for his sixteenth birthday?
Answer: One of his toy cars. (p.98 HB)
5. What is Ben's specialty while on the boat?
Answer: Engines (p.15 HB)
6. From where have the boys and their dad set sail?
Answer: Florida (p.31 HB)
7. What is their original sailing destination?
Answer: The Bahamas for one year. (p.59 HB)
8. After dad disappears what happens that throws the boys hopelessly off course?
Answer: A storm (p.139 HB)
9. When the food supply runs out what do the boys find on the island to eat?
Answer: fish, prickly pears, sea grapes and iguana (p. HB)
10. What happens that forces Ben to leave his brothers alone on the island?
Answer: Dylan breaks his leg and it gets infected (p.252 HB)

I, Q. Independence Hall

By Roland Smith

Questions

1. What kind of “smart phones” did Q and Angela get?
Answer: BlackBerrys. (p. 87 HB)
2. What government security branch did Angela’s mother work for?
Answer: The Secret Service. (p. 74 HB)
3. Where was Angela’s mother, Malak, born?
Answer: Lebanon. (p.122 HB)
4. What is the name of Blaze and Roger’s musical group?
Answer: Match. (p.6 HB)
5. What 2 breeds of dog is Croc?
Answer: A cross between a Blue Heeler and a Border Collie. (p. 46 HB)
6. What government agency did Boone work for?
Answer: The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) (p. 101 HB)
7. What famous book character does Boone continually read books about?
Answer: He reads books about James Bond. (p. 54 HB)
8. Where does Angela arrange to meet Anmar for answers?
Answer: Outside Independence Hall in Philadelphia.
(p. 229 HB)
9. How did Angela’s mother die in the line of duty?
Answer: She was killed by a terrorist bomb at Independence Hall. (p. 266 HB)
10. What kind of dietary choice does Roger follow?
Answer: He is a vegetarian. (p. 7 HB)

Lawn Boy

by Gary Paulsen

Questions

1. Who gave Lawn Boy the riding mower for his birthday?
Answer: His grandmother. (p.4 HB)
2. How much profit did LB make on his first mowing job?
Answer: Seventeen dollars. (p.9 HB)
3. What was Arnold Howell's profession?
Answer: Stockbroker. (p.18 HB)
4. What were the names of LB's first employees?
Answer: Pasqual & Louis. (p.28 HB)
5. What became Joseph Powdermilk's professional boxing name ?
Answer: Joey Pow. (p.61 HB)
6. How long did Joey's fight last?
Answer: Four and one half seconds. (p.85 HB)

Lost Time

by Susan Maupin Schmid

Questions

1. Violyne's house was built next to what body of water?
Answer: Lake Sere. (p.1 HB)
2. What do Violyne's parents do for a living?
Answer: They are archeologists. (p. 2 HB)
3. How long ago had Violyne's parents disappeared?
Answer: One year ago. (p. 2 HB)
4. What is the name of the family's butler?
Answer: Einhart. (p.4 HB)
5. What are the two major species on Lindos?
Answer: The Tosk and the Raki. (p.6 HB)
6. What is the Oblivion?
Answer: A 100 mile wide basin that is an uninhabited desert. (p.7 HB)
7. What was the only item missing after the house was broken into?
Answer: Violyne's father's violin. (p.11 HB)
8. To what special event does the Arbiter invite Violyne and Aunt Madelyn?
Answer: The Perpetuity Masquerade Ball (p.13 HB)
9. Although the Raki does not wear clothes, what can they not resist?
Answer: Shoes. (p. 17 HB)
10. What did Einhart implant in Violyne's left ear?
Answer: A micro-transmitter. (p.18 HB)

The Mailbox

by Audrey Shafer

Questions

1. What was the first thing Gabe saw when he found Uncle Vernon?
Answer: The overturned electric fan. (p. 2 PB)
2. What did Gabe have for lunch the second day of school?
Answer: A doughnut. (p. 7 PB)
3. What was the one thing Mr. Boehm wanted his students to learn?
Answer: Books are your friends, through thick and thin, no matter what. (p. 11)
4. What did Gabe ask for when he learned to make knots?
Answer: A tire swing. (p. 22 PB)
5. What three special things did Gabe put in his backpack?
Answer: His stuffed blue bunny, the plastic (fan) button, and the mysterious card. (p. 31 PB)
6. What did Child Protective Services require that Uncle Vernon get?
Answer: A telephone. (p. 42 PB)
7. What surprising information about Uncle Vernon's past did Mrs. Rodriguez tell Gabe during one of her visits?
Answer: That he was a highly decorated soldier. (p.100)
8. What game did Captain Taiken use to explain the Vietnam War to Gabe?
Answer: Chess. (p. 162 PB)
9. On what day of the week did Gabe & Hank go back to Uncle Vernon's house?
Answer: Sunday. (p. 171 PB)
10. What gift did Smitty give to Gabe for a second time?
Answer: Guppy the dog. (p. 176 PB)

Mercy on These Teenage Chimps

by Gary Soto

Questions

1. Why wasn't Joey still wrestling for school ?
Answer: Because of his chimp like antics after the matches. (p.12 HB)
2. What saved the day for Ronnie when the bully, Cory, was chasing him home?
Answer: Ronnie's pants fell down from the weight of the coins and Cory couldn't stop laughing.
(p.37 HB)
3. What did Ronnie think would get Joey down out of the tree?
Answer: An apology from the Coach. (p.50 HB)
4. What did Ronnie do with the fish Coach gave him?
Answer: Threw the fish back in the creek. (p.58 HB)
5. How did Ronnie find Jessica?
Answer: He went up on the roof for Mrs. Puddlefield to turn on the water valve. (p.66 HB)
6. Cory and his friends recruited Ronnie to do what?
Answer: Play football. (p.70 HB)
7. What were Ronnie's trusty getaway sticks?
Answer: His legs. (p. 78 HB)
8. Who stole Ronnie's bike?
Answer: Cory's half brother. (p.83 HB)
9. Where did Ronnie finally run into Jessica?
Answer: Church. (p.89 HB)
10. What did Ronnie save in the road?
Answer: A small collie. (p. 111 HB)

Seer of Shadows

by Avi

Questions

1. How did Mrs. Von Macht say that her daughter Eleanora died?
Answer: Scarlet fever. (p.15 PB)
2. What did Mrs. Von Macht say she was going to do with her photograph?
Answer: She wanted to put it on Eleanora's tomb. (p. 18 PB)
3. Why didn't Mrs. & Mr. Von Macht get Eleanora a doctor when she was sick?
Answer: Eleanora refused to sign papers that would give her wealth to the Von Macht's. (p.109 PB)
4. Why is the three pronged candle stick holder important?
Answer: It was the first thing Mrs. Von Macht bought with Eleanora's money. (p. 112 PB)
5. Where did Horace first see the gray angel?
Answer: At Green-Wood Cemetery (p. 120 PB)
6. What happened when Horace took pictures of Eleanora?
Answer: With each photo, Eleanora became more clear – sharper. (p. 123 PB)
7. Why was Horace in the hall when Eleanora tried to burn the house down?
Answer: He was trying to find the key to the front door so he could get out. (p. 144 PB)
8. How did Horace test what Pegg called his “powers as seer”?
Answer: He took pictures of Mr. Middleditch. (p. 150 PB)
9. How did Pegg and Horace get back into the Von Macht's house?
Answer: They went in by the coal chute. (p. 184 PB)
10. Who killed Mr. Von Macht?
Answer: Mrs. Von Macht. (p. 194 PB)

Smiles to Go

By Jerry Spinelli

Questions

1. What did the neighbor, Jim, use to illustrate the existence and “unsmashability” of protons?
Answer: a jawbreaker (p. 5 PB)
2. Why does Will begin all of his journal entries with the letters “PD?”
Answer: His new calendar begins with the day he heard of the Proton’s Death (p. 8 PB)
3. Why did no one question if BT had really skateboarded down Dead Man’s Hill?
Answer: Because everyone knows he doesn’t lie and they knew he just felt like doing it—he didn’t care about any glory. (P.25 PB)
4. How did the phrase, and book title, *Smiles to Go*, come about?
Answer: When BT recited a Robert Frost poem in English class he changed the last line to “And smiles to go before I weep” from the real line “And miles to go before I sleep.” (P. 44 PB)
5. What special utensils does Tabby usually eat with?
Answer: She usually eats with plastic toy tools: a screwdriver, pliers, and saw. (p. 46 PB)
6. What phrase could be put on Will’s tombstone?
Answer: “He could wait.” (p. 71 PB)
7. What are the 15 special wrapped gifts in the dormer of Will’s house?
Answer: Wedding gifts that his great-grandparents never got to open. (pp 72-73 PB)
8. Why is there a sign over the door at BT’s house that says “Whatever Comes Here, Stays Here?”
Answer: Because his dad plans to have a Museum of Yesterday, a museum for now common stuff-when it becomes old and interesting. (p. 76 PB)
9. Why does proton decay bother Will so much?
Answer: Because it destroys the idea of forever, and that as a consequence of “no forever” then he never will have existed. (p. 84 PB)
10. Why did Will’s mom send him back to the house to open Ozzie the octopus?
Answer: So he’d find the black jelly beans Tabby had been saving for him. (p. 219 PB)

Taken

by Edward Bloor

Questions

1. What was Albert's standard outfit and in what job did he wear it?
Answer: Black suit, white shirt, black tie; as a butler (p.15 PB)
2. How was Charity's father's helicopter easily recognizable when it crashed Mickey's filming?
Answer: Orange and green Miami Hurricanes' logos (p.38 PB)
3. Where did Charity describe as "different from Highlands as it could possibly be"?
Answer: Mangrove (p.59 PB)
4. Who was Dessi named after?
Answer: Jean Jacques Dessalines, a hero in Haiti who drove the French out in 1803 (p.80 PB)
5. What store's shopping bags were the clothes Dessi brought for Charity in?
Answer: WorldMart (p.104 PB)
6. Why did Albert turn down the present from Charity, and what was it?
Answer: It was against RDS regulations; A wooden tornada from the cleft palate girl (p.125-126 PB)
7. Why did Charity wake up with no more braces?
Answer: The GTD (tracker) was inside the braces. (p.145 PB)
8. What did Dessi say was the one more thing that he had in common with Charity?
Answer: They had both lost a father to violence. (p.169 PB)
9. How had Victoria's father died, and who angrily pointed out it was curable if detected?
Answer: Skin cancer (melanoma); Albert (p. 190 PB)
10. What was the name of the series of books that Dessi received as a reward?
Answer: Ramiro Fortunato (p. 232 PB)