



## GIRLS BOOK CLUB GUIDE

### ON THE EDGE OF THE DARK SEA OF DARKNESS

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“the people of Skree were quite free, as long as they were in their homes by midnight... other than the cruel Fangs and the constant threat of death and torture, there wasn't much to fear in Skree.”

### GENRE

Children's Fiction

Fantasy

Series

### THEMES

Family

Friendship

Coming of Age

Quest

Sacrifice

Good versus Evil

Love

Purpose

### CHARACTERS

#### Janner Igiby

Janner is the oldest child in the Igiby family. He craves adventure, but is instead burdened with the enormous responsibility of looking out for his younger siblings, a job he despises. However, when he mistakenly lets his little sister Leeli out of his sight, and she is in danger, he shows immense courage to rescue her. Amidst the hardship, he grows in his desire to be responsible and care more for others.

## *Tink*

Tink is the middle child and can be a bothersome younger sibling who tends to make poor choices. He proves his love for his family when Leeli is kidnapped and runs to her rescue with Janner.

## *Leeli*

Leeli is the youngest sibling in the family. Leeli lives with a disability and passionately cares for her dog Nugget.

## *Podo Helmer*

Podo is the Igiby children's grandfather. He has a wooden leg from the past war with the Fangs, but when the need arises and the children need rescuing, he rides fiercely off to battle again, unarmed and putting his life on the line for those he loves.

## *Nia*

Nia is the children's mother. She is loving, protective, patient, and kind with them, and she doesn't blame Janner when he fails at his responsibility to care for his sister when Leeli. However, she keeps secrets about the children's father, which causes Janner to lash out at her.

## *Peet the Sockman*

Peet the Sockman is the children's uncle. He is a Throne Warden who protects the family.

## **STORYLINE**

The Igiby family dwell in a little cottage on the cliff edge above the Dark Sea in Skree, where the dreaded Fangs of Dang maliciously rule. Janner Igiby has heard terrifying stories of the venomous Fangs snatching children from their beds and carrying them away at night in their Black Carriage. He hopes he never hears the rattling and stomping of hoofbeats coming for his family.

The Fangs weren't always in Skree but came over the Dark Sea to search for the legendary jewels of Anniera. Unbeknownst to the Igiby children, they hold the answer to the secret!

This story is about good overcoming evil, teamwork, sacrifice, betrayal and adventure.

# 1 QUESTION ONE

Which part of this adventure story did you enjoy most? Can you relate to Janner's discontentment and longing for adventure?

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# 2 QUESTION TWO

Janner can become frustrated at being the oldest sibling and looking after Tink and Leeli. Can you relate to how Janner feels? Why is it important to care for those littler than us?

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# 3 QUESTION THREE

The Fangs rule unjustly in Skree. They steal, lie, oppress and abuse the people. How do the characters survive this unfair treatment and hardship? How do you think you might feel in this situation?

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## 4 QUESTION FOUR

There is a mystery surrounding the children's father. Why did you think Nia kept his identity concealed for a long time? Do you think it was right or wrong of her?

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## 5 QUESTION FIVE

Would you enjoy living in the land of Skree? What are you most excited about for the second book?

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