

# ATPE BOOK of the month CLUB

## **Beastly** by *Alex Flinn*

1. On page 3, Kyle’s dad says: “Don’t be a sucker, Kyle, and do things out of friendship or love. Because what you always end up finding out is the only one who really loves you is you.” How do you feel about this statement?
2. Do you think Kyle deserves to be turned into a beast? Why or why not?
3. At one point in the story, Kyle asks himself the question: “Is it worse to die or live forever as a monster?” What do you believe is the answer to his question?
4. “One minute you can be normal—beautiful, even—and then something happens the next minute that changes that.” What lessons can be learned from this statement?
5. Kyle is given a mirror that allows him to see anyone he wants, wherever they are at that moment. Why does he choose to watch Linda in the mirror over all of the “interesting” people he could choose?
6. The author includes excerpts from an online chat room throughout the text. Why do you think she chose to add this literary element to the story?
7. How does Kyle’s relationship with his father affect his belief system?
8. How is the rose symbolic in *Beastly*?
9. Discuss Kyle/Noah’s transformation throughout the story.
10. Compare and contrast Flinn’s *Beastly* with another version of *Beauty and the Beast*. Other versions of this story are listed in the Author’s Note.

