

# ATPE BOOK of the month CLUB

## **The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate** by *Jacqueline Kelly*

Discussion questions written by Andrew Taylor and his seventh-grade Texas history students from Floresville ISD's Floresville Middle School.

1. What is "Chicago's Finest Wind Machine"?
2. How did people "tame the darkness" in 1899?
3. What is in the jar on Granddaddy's shelf and how is it significant to the story?
4. Define "Occam's Razor."
5. What surprises Granddaddy with its weight?
6. Why do you think the author chose *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* as the title of the book?
7. Why does Granddaddy arrange to have a picture taken of his plant?
8. What is the newest, biggest attraction at the fair?
9. Why are certain people proclaiming the end of the world on New Year's Eve?
10. What is the first thing Callie will learn to bake? What would you like to learn to cook?

