

ATPE BOOK of the month CLUB

Because I Am Furniture by Thalia Chaltas

1. Why doesn't Anke's mother do more to stop the abuse her children suffer?
2. How does playing volleyball change Anke?
3. How does Anke's relationship with Jed affect her decisions regarding her father?
4. Describe the symbolism of furniture throughout the story.
5. How does the definition of "family" change during the story?
6. Describe what you think this statement from the book means:
"Ms. Taft/had us draw trees
"One tree for the traits/we get from our/mother's side
"One tree for the traits/we get from our/father's side ...
"If all this tree is from mom/and all this tree is from him/where do I grow/my own branches?"
7. Can you compare the elation Anke feels when she gets her first hit in volleyball to an event in your own life?
8. At one point in the book, Anke describes her jealousy of her brother's and sister's being abused by their father. Why does she feel this way?
9. What can you learn from the words *"Because isn't it incredible,/how much you don't know much/about the people you spend every day with"*?
10. Would you have the courage to stand up to Anke's father and say "no"?

