

ATPE BOOK of the month CLUB

Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet by *Graham Salisbury*

Discussion questions written by April Kahle and her third-grade students from McKinney ISD's McClure Elementary School.

1. Why do you think the author decided to put the events in the story about the centipede, "Peedy"?
2. Would you like to have Mr. Purdy as a teacher? Why or why not?
3. If you were Willy, how would you feel if you had to leave your home in California and move to Hawaii?
4. Willy looked different than everyone at his school. How does this make you feel?
5. How can you relate to Calvin? What do you have in common with him, and what are your differences?
6. How would you react if your mom told you a teenager was moving into your room and you had to live in a storage room?
7. How would you feel if a strange baby sitter was in control of everything—even you?
8. Calvin's special shirt was stained. Have you ever had a special object ruined by someone else? What happened?
9. Why would Tito give Stella dried shrimp "bugs" as a gift? What would you think if someone gave this gift to you?
10. Do you think Calvin will ever be friends with Tito and Frankie?

