

ATPE BOOK of the month CLUB

How to Survive Middle School by *Donna Gephart*

1. Compare and contrast David and Elliot's personalities.
2. How does their friendship change throughout the book?
3. How do you feel about David's mother? What do you think it means to "find yourself"?
4. David is extremely devoted to his video-making hobby. Write about a hobby that you are passionate about.
5. Why do you think Tommy behaves the way he does?
6. Why do you think Elliot chooses to become friends with Tommy Murphy?
7. Put yourself in Lindsay's shoes. How would you feel to have your brother broadcast the "acne forecast"?
8. If you were the author and were going to write a sequel, what key plot elements would you include?
9. Bullying is a big theme throughout the book. Why do you think the author chose to include a bully like Tommy Murphy as a character?
10. Have you ever heard the word *bubelah* before? Look it up to find its definition. What other words does David's grandmother use that are indicative of her culture?



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