

ATPE BOOK of the month CLUB

You Don't Even Know Me by Sharon G. Flake

1. Who is the narrator "talking" to in the poem "Just Say It"? What is it that he's going to say?
2. Would you ever consider getting married at 16 like Cindella and Tow-Kaye in "Scared to Death"?
3. The narrator in "Getting Even" says he wanted a Gameboy when he was seven. What is something you wanted when you were seven?
4. What do you think Jeffrey did to make his Aunt Philomena kick him out of the house in "Fakin' It"?
5. What three words other than ride, game and girl would you use to describe your "world" like the narrator does in "Sixteen"?
6. If you lost a twin like James does in "Don't Read This," would you feel the same as James? Would you try to keep the reasons behind his suicide quiet? Or would you tell someone?
7. Is the narrator of "Look" being egotistical or honest? Why did you choose one over the other?
8. If you contracted a serious disease like La'Ron in "Infected," would you want to talk to kids your age about it to try and help them avoid your missteps?
9. Are there any things in particular that make your neighborhood interesting, like the things that make North Philadelphia interesting for E in "My Hood"?
10. Would you be flattered, like Malik in "Pretty Mothers are a Problem," if a friend's parent flirted with you? Or would you feel uncomfortable? Would you tell your parents?

