

CEDAR DANCE

Study Guide

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1. Have you ever had an experience where you weren't sure if people were laughing *with* you or *at* you? How did you deal with it?
2. Have you ever had an accident that scared you? Describe it.

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1. Explain the misunderstanding between Nurse Lund and Charles. What is the end result of the confusion?
2. What happened when Charles went kayaking?

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Epilogue

1. What is Jessica's advice to Charles when he is lonely at his new school?
2. What is your prediction for the rest of Charles's year? Mention school, Jessica, his mom, and Shell.

Study Guide Questions with Answers

Chapter 1

1. Describe the apartment that Charles lives in. *Small, no sound-proofing, upper floor*
2. Why does Jessica think that Charles's mother is a "hippie"? *Cooks everything from scratch, makes her own clothes, cuts her own hair, drinks carrot juice, shops at thrift stores, won't buy anything she can't recycle, doesn't own a TV or a car or a computer or a cell phone*
3. What do you think of Charles's mother? Can you support your opinion with evidence from the first chapter?
4. Who are "the Grands"? Describe them. *Charles's grandparents: Grandpa is loud and fun; grandma is quiet and caring*

Chapter 2

1. Charles gets a shock at the end of this chapter. Describe it. *Sees a man who looks just like him*

Chapter 3

1. What did Jessica and Charles discover on their group hike? *An old, abandoned car that appears to be "occupied"*
2. Describe Dylan. Make a prediction for Dylan's role in the story.

Chapter 4

1. How did Jessica injure herself? *Sprained her ankle when her foot slipped off log when lunging to tag Dylan in Capture the Flag*
2. What does the word, *reconnaissance* mean? How does it fit into chapter 4? *To survey or examine an area. Charles can pretend to be at the nurse's cabin but can be studying the protest camp*
3. Why does Jessica opt to stay at camp even though she is on crutches? *Because "the only thing worse than being on crutches is being on crutches with three older brothers."*
4. Describe Charles's prank. *Plastic food wrap over toilet bowl*

Chapter 5

1. What did Charles discover on his visit to the protest camp? Name at least two things.
Tree platforms, black hoody guy, look-alike
2. Why do you think Charles chose not to tell Jessica the whole truth about his visit?

Chapters 6 and 7

Answer **ONE** of the following questions. Write in full sentences.

1. Have you ever had an experience where you weren't sure if people were laughing *with* you or *at* you? How did you deal with it?
2. Have you ever had an accident that scared you? Describe it.

Chapter 8

1. Explain the misunderstanding between Nurse Lund and Charles. What is the end result of the confusion? *Charles thinks she is talking about going to the bathroom (that was the plan) but she is talking about seeing a counselor (Jessica had to improvise). Result is that Charles gets flustered, nurse gets suspicious, he gets caught.*
2. What happened when Charles went kayaking? *He saw the black hoody guy on the beach.*

Chapter 9

1. Charles finds the "proof" he needed in this chapter. What was it?
A picture of his mom with the look alike (Shell)

Chapter 10

1. How did Charles go from *hero* to *suspect* at the end of this chapter? *First, he's a hero for stopping the sabotage, then he looks guilty because he knows the saboteur.*

Chapter 11

1. What is your opinion of Dylan after chapter eleven?

Chapter 12

1. What helped Charles to be able to forgive Jessica? *Her apology.*
2. Is Dylan the black hoody guy? Support your answer.

Chapter 13

1. What is Charles's theory about Jessica's tendency to be suspicious of people?
"I think it's because of her three older brothers. They were always teasing her when she was little. They lied to her when she was too young to know they were lying. I think they teased the trust right out of her." p. 90

Chapter 14

1. Why was Guy cutting the wires? *To frame the loggers and gain public support*
2. Why was Dylan at the protest camp? *To look for his brother*

Chapter 15

1. What did Charles do to “help” Dylan with his foster dad? *In front of the foster dad, he thanked Dylan for coming to find him.*
2. Why do you think Charles decided to tell his mom the truth about why he was sent home?
 - *To get out of trouble*
 - *Because he wanted to “meet” Shell*
 - *Jessica suggested that she had a right to know*
3. What was the lie that Charles’s mother had told him? How did the truth change Charles’s view of his situation?
 - *The lie was that his father never knew about him.*
 - *Finding out that Shell knew he was born made Charles feel rejected/angry.*
 - *He decided he didn’t want to meet him.*
 - *He realized how rejected him mom must have felt*

Epilogue

1. What is Jessica’s advice to Charles when he is lonely at his new school? *To get involved and find “his people”*
2. What is your prediction for the rest of Charles’s year? Mention school, Jessica, his mom, and Shell.