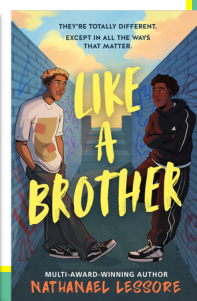


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Book Club Discussion Notes

1. Growls wants to prove himself as a rapper. Why is being a rapper so important to him and how does this passion shape Growls' identity throughout the story?
2. How does Growls' relationship with his mum influence his sense of responsibility and identity?
3. How is Growls' narrative voice distinct? How does he use humour and language to tell his story?
4. Growls often compares himself to others, like Shanks or his rap battle competitors. How does this affect his confidence and sense of self?
5. Shanks and Growls have been friends since primary school, but their friendship is tested throughout the story. What moments show the strength of their bond?
6. Siobhan brings a new perspective into Growls' life. How does her friendship differ from his bond with Shanks and why are these differences important?
7. Growls often feels like he doesn't fit in at school or in his community. How does his music help him find a sense of belonging?
8. Siobhan shows resilience in caring for her mum and dealing with the possibility of moving to Bristol. What does her story add to the theme of resilience in the book?

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9. What role does Karen, the counsellor, play in helping Growls understand his emotions and identity?
10. How do the challenges Growls faces, like eviction and public humiliation, test his friendships with Shanks and Siobhan?
11. Growls' mum often encourages him to keep going despite their struggles. How does her attitude influence Growls' ability to overcome challenges?
12. Growls faces public humiliation during a rap battle but finds the strength to keep going. What does this moment reveal about his character?
13. Mr. Rix tells Growls that rap is about more than just rhymes, it's about telling your story. How does this advice change the way Growls approaches his music?
14. How does Growls' understanding of what it means to be a successful rapper change throughout the story?
15. By the end of the story, Growls has grown as a person. What are the key moments that contribute to his personal growth and sense of belonging.

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