



IGGY INCLUDED

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Discussion Questions

1. Paige enjoys reading informational books, like medical texts and encyclopedias. Cole's favourite books are spooky stories about ghosts and haunted houses. What are your favourite topics to read about and why?
2. In chapter 5, Paige shares a story about how she developed a fear of big dogs (cynophobia). How does Paige overcome her fear of Iggy? Do you have any phobias (an exaggerated or irrational fear)? If so, how do you cope with them?
3. In chapter 9, Paige reveals that she wants to be a surgeon when she grows up. Cole wants to be a school superintendent, and Ari wants to be a pilot. What do you want to be when you grow up and why?
4. Mr. Iglesias taught Iggy several unusual tricks: how to open doors, fetch water bottles and blankets, and give hugs. If you had a dog, what unusual tricks would you want to teach it?
5. Iggy is a Newfoundland — a Canadian breed of working dog used to help fishermen haul nets and rescue humans from drowning. Can you name other breeds of working dogs and what their jobs are?
6. When the story begins, we learn that Paige dislikes reading. Why is that? What helps change her mind about books?

Activities

1. Paige's parents won Iggy's Manor in an essay contest by writing why they deserved to be the new owners. In a paragraph, explain what you would have written to convince the judges to pick your essay.
2. At the end of the book, Paige describes herself as "a dog person . . . and a book person, too . . . and a thief catcher. A first responder. A better sister. And most definitely not a Scaredy-Paige." What words would you use to describe yourself?
3. Although Cole was happy to have Iggy, he also wanted to have a pet turtle. Draw an animal that you would like to have as a pet.