



Junior Book Club in a Bag

Discussion Questions

The Candy Shop War by Brandon Mull

1. At the beginning of the novel, Nate is an outsider. How does his role change over the course of the novel? Would you consider him to be the leader of the group? Why or why not?
2. Can you see any connection between the greed for candy and the greed for power? Which characters display both kinds of greed? Are the Blue Falcons immune to this trait or not?
3. How does the school lunch scene reflect the social hierarchy amongst students?
4. What motivates the children to help Mrs. White in her candy shop?
5. White fudge is different from the other confections in the book. Describe its effect. Why do you think the feeling it induces would be appealing to adults?
6. What role does friendship play in Pigeon's life? How do his relationships help him?
7. Mrs. White warns about the importance of keeping secrets. Do you agree with her warning? Do you think that secrets should always be kept? Why or why not?
8. What lessons are learned from Nate's decision-making during the escape from the man in the overcoat?
9. What does Nate's transformation signify about the possibility of change and redemption? As you have changed throughout the years, how have you changed?
10. What message about facing consequences emerges from the conversation about the Council's potential punishments?

The above questions were taken from <https://www.bookey.app/book/the-candy-shop-war/qa> to enhance your discussion of the book.

Author Biography

Brandon Mull is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Fablehaven, Beyonders, and Five Kingdoms series. A kinetic thinker, Mull enjoys bouncy balls, squeezable stress toys, and popping bubble wrap. He lives in Utah with his four children and a dog named Buffy the Vampire Slayer. Mull loves meeting his readers and hearing about their experiences with his books.

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