



# Junior Book Club in a Bag

## Discussion Questions

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### *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

1. Discuss how this book explores bullying. If you were asked to create a policy against bullying, discuss at least five important topics it would include.
2. Ally states that Mr. Daniels doesn't know what he's getting into by working with her. Discuss what she means by this statement. How does Mr. Daniels feel about collaborating with Ally?
3. Albert and Ally have differing viewpoints on bullying. Explain what each character thinks and discuss which you would agree with if you were a character in the novel.
4. Explain what Ally meant when she stated she's "tired of walking away." What has she been walking away from? How does her distress relate to other parts of the storyline?
5. Define symbolism. Discuss the symbolism of butterflies throughout the novel, specifically the transformation between ugliness to beauty.
6. Discuss what Ally meant by the phrase that everything she writes turns into a mess. Use scenes in the novel to support why Ally believes this statement.
7. Discuss Ally's relationship with Mr. Daniels. How do their outlooks on life differ? Are you a pessimist or optimist? Discuss why you are one or the other.
8. Discuss Ally's learning disorder. How has she coped with this challenge throughout the novel?

The above questions were taken from  
<https://study.com/academy/lesson/fish-in-a-tree-discussion-questions.html#:~:text=Use%20the%20following,five%20important%20topics.>  
to enhance your discussion of the book.

# Author Biography

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Lynda Hunt Mullaly is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Fish in a Tree*, as well as *One for the Murphys*, which is on thirty-one state award lists. She is a former teacher and holds writer's retreats for the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. She lives in Connecticut with her husband, two children, a beagle, and a beagle-loathing cat.

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