



Junior Book Club in a Bag

Discussion Questions

El Deafo by Cece Bell

1. How does having hearing loss affect Cece socially, emotionally, physically, and/or mentally?
2. Cece's teacher, Miss Dorn, and Laura are both compared to Snow White and Narnia's Snow Queen. How are they like these characters? Is there anyone in your life that you would compare to a character? What makes them similar?
3. What four techniques does Cece use to help her become better at lip reading?
4. What can we do as people to help those with hearing loss, or any disability, feel cared about?
5. Cece is friends with Laura, Ginny, and Martha. Cece is seeking a true friend throughout the novel. What do you think of the characters she is friends with? What characteristics do you look for in a friend, and why?
6. Cece begins very shy in the book. Overtime, her confidence increases, and she becomes less shy. What has changed for Cece? How does she overcome her lack of self-confidence?
7. Have you ever experienced something in your life that left you with a lack of self confidence? How did you overcome it?
8. Should one care about what others think of them? Why or why not? Try to connect to Cece in the novel.
9. Initially, in chapter one, Cece didn't know she was deaf. Should her parents have told her?

The above questions were taken from
<https://brookesbooksblogblog.wordpress.com/2017/11/19/discussion-questions-for-el-deafo/> to enhance your discussion of the book.

Author Biography

Cecelia Carolina Bell is an American author, cartoonist, and illustrator. Bell's work has appeared in *The Atlantic*, *Vegetarian Times*, *Newsweek*, *Esquire*, and many other publications. Bell suffered hearing loss as a child due to a case of meningitis. *El Deafo* is a graphic novel based on Bell's own childhood, where children who are deaf can see themselves represented positively in a book.

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