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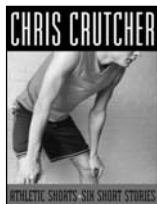
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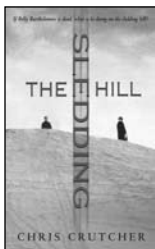
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Reading Group Guide



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About the Book

Discussion Prompts

5. Who do you think Hey-Soos is? What does Hey-Soos do for Ben?
6. Why does Ben decide to continue helping Rudy McCoy even after he learns about Rudy's past? Do you agree with Ben about Rudy? Explain.
7. Ben starts a campaign to name a street in his town after Malcolm X. Do you agree that this street name would be appropriate in an almost-exclusively white town? Explain. Who would you like to see a street named after in your town, and why? What barriers might stand in the way of making this happen?
8. Sylvia Longley expresses her opinion that burning books should be okay since it's okay to burn the American flag. What do you think about burning, or banning, books? What do you think about burning the American flag?
9. Ben shouldn't have been as good a runner as he was because of his height, and he shouldn't have been as good a football player as he was because of his size. What do you believe makes a good athlete?
10. Running helps Ben calm down when he's overwhelmed. What helps you?
11. Ben has "Too Old to Die Young," sung by Ann Savoy and Linda Ronstadt, on his playlist for loss. What other music might Ben have on this iPod playlist?
12. What's your approach to life? If you had to summarize a personal motto for yourself, what would it be? Do you think it would be different if you had a deadline? Explain. What is a person's legacy? What is Ben's? What do you hope that yours will be?
13. If you had to write a list of things you wanted to do or learn before you die, what would be on your list?
14. Which character in this book do you think you would get along with best? Why?



Chris Crutcher grew up in Cascade, Idaho, and now lives in Spokane, Washington. He is the critically acclaimed author of nine novels and a collection of short stories for teenagers, all chosen as ALA Best Books. In 2000, he received the American Library Association's Margaret A. Edwards Award, honoring his lifetime contribution in writing for teens. Drawing on his experience as an athlete, teacher, family therapist, and child protection specialist, he unflinchingly writes about real and often-ignored issues that face teenagers today.