

Cinderella Smith

The More the Merrier

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

About the Book

Cinderella is back! This time she's hard at work preparing for the school spelling bee. Luckily, her aunt Flora is in town, so she'll bring some fun into the mix while Cinderella studies her spelling words. Speaking of words, Rosemary T. has been using some pretty mean ones lately, and Cinderella is getting really upset about it. Will Cinderella be able to say, and spell, everything she needs?

Cheers for *Cinderella Smith*:

"Her inclusive enjoyment of life is contagious."

—ALA Booklist (starred review)

Discussion Questions

1. As Cinderella and her classmates are brainstorming ideas for their class party, Rosemary T. and Rosemary W. decide to plan their own exclusive party instead (p. 12). How would you feel if you were excluded from a group? How would you react if you saw that someone else was being excluded?
2. Logan presents a "Table Book Talk" for the book he's just finished and discusses the "Main Theme" and whether or not he recommends it (p. 22). Host a "Table Book Talk" with your classmates about *Cinderella Smith: The More the Merrier*. What do you think the "Main Theme" is? Provide a few examples. Would you recommend it? Why or why not?
3. When Aunt Flora arrives at the house, she has the great idea of creating a "Pancake Surprise" with all different types of ingredients. What kind of fun meals do you make/eat with your family? Share the recipes with your classmates so they can try them at home, too.
4. When Cinderella ignores Rosemary T.'s phone call, Aunt Flora suggests having a "what's what" with her to explain how she's feeling and to clear the air (p. 51). Do you think that's more effective than giving someone the silent treatment? Why or why not?
5. Why does Cinderella get embarrassed when Aunt Flora arrives as the special guest at her school (p. 103)? Have you ever experienced something similar with one of your family members? Did you feel badly afterward?
6. Were you surprised when Cinderella had a "what's what" with Rosemary T.? Do you think Cinderella handled it an appropriate way? How about Rosemary T.? Would you have done anything differently?
7. Why do you think Rosemary T. calls Cinderella childish, babyish, and weird? Do you think there's a reason she treats people this way?
8. Share some ideas with your classmates on how you can make your classroom a friendly and welcoming environment.

