

YOU LOOK DIFFERENT IN REAL LIFE

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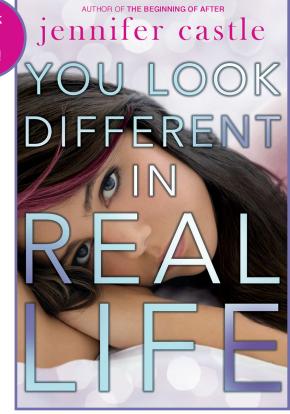
Book Club Pick!

ABOUT THE BOOK

The premise was simple: five kids, just living their lives. There'd be a new movie about them every five years, starting in kindergarten. But no one could have predicted what the cameras would capture. The kids who shared the same table in kindergarten have now become teenagers who hardly know one another. And Justine, who was the star of the first two movies, now feels like a disappointment. But these teens soon realize they have a bond that goes deeper than what's on film.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. If you were in Justine's position, would you have had reservations about appearing in *Five at Sixteen?* Why?
- 2. What do you think of Lance and Leslie's roles as filmmakers? Do you think they're exploiting these kids? Are the parents exploiting their children?
- 3. Do you consider Justine's actions toward Rory cruel? Have you ever stopped being friends with someone? How did it make you feel? How do you think the other person felt?
- 4. Do you think Lance and Leslie should have handled the footage of Nate being bullied differently? How so?
- 5. What do Keira's one truth and one lie reveal about her (p. 182)? What kind of message does this send to the group?



- 6. Which character do you identify with most, and why?
- 7. Are you surprised by what happens at the end of the book?
- 8. What do you think each of the characters will be like five years from now, at age twenty-one?
- 9. Have you experienced a single "moment" that has had a significant impact on your life?
- 10. What do you think the author is hoping her readers will take away from this story?
- 11. How much of your life is posted online for others to see? How is that like being filmed, and how is it different?

