



# *El Deafo*

## *Discussion Questions*

*with Meriah Nichols*

### *On The Book*

#### **EL DEAFO & SUPERHERO STUFF**

What did you think about the book, overall? Did it evoke any strong feelings in you, or did it make you like, love or hate it?

What did you think of the title of the book (and Cece's superhero name)?

Why do you think Cece liked dreaming about being a superhero?

### *Graphic Novel*

What do you think of the author's choice to make her story into a graphic novel as opposed to a regular written novel?

What do you think the benefits or drawbacks of it being a graphic novel are?

### *On Being Deaf*

How much of Cece's friendship experiences do you think was disability as opposed to personality?

Cece does not react well to being taught sign language. Why do you think that was?

What were some of the things you learned about everyday struggles of the deaf, as shared by Cece?

Having read this book, do you think you will interact differently with a deaf person now? How so, or why not?

Do you think Cece's experience is reflective of most deaf people? How so, or why not?

Cece uses her hearing aid to eavesdrop on her teacher and help kids have fun: why do you think this is a defining moment for Cece?

What do you think this book teaches kids, both hearing and deaf, if anything?

To whom would you recommend this book?