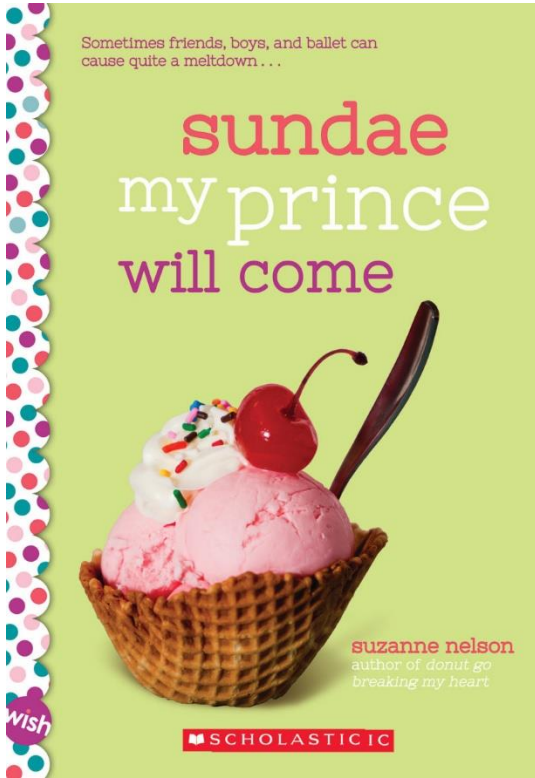

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



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Malie's mom manages an ice cream parlor, but Malie's real love is ballet. She dreams of landing the lead in an upcoming production of *Cinderella* and dancing onstage while her boyfriend, Ethan, cheers from the audience. But Malie's mom is less than supportive.

Then a cute new boy Alonzo arrives from Italy. His true love is ice cream—gelato, to be exact. Alonzo offers Malie a deal: If she lets him help out at the parlor, she can take dance lessons from his mom, a famed ballerina. As Malie pirouettes between the parlor and the ballet studio, things start to spin out of control. Does she have feelings for Alonzo? What about Ethan? And if she doesn't get a role in *Cinderella*, can she find her happily ever after?

1. Why doesn't Malie like Mr. Sneeves? Why does she wish her mom could handle things in the shop differently?
2. How are Lanz and Ethan similar? How are they different?
3. Why does Malie get frustrated working at the ice cream shop? How does Lanz get her to change her perspective?
4. How does Lanz's knowledge about gelato help Malie at the ice cream parlor? How is his attitude different or similar to hers?
5. Does Malie's mom support Malie's love of dancing? Why or why not?
6. Malie is driven to improve her dancing skills. What is a talent that you have that you're driven to get better at? Describe what you do to help improve your skills.
7. Malie doesn't always like working at the ice cream parlor, but she does it to help her mom. Describe a time when you helped a family member or friend, even though you didn't like the work you had to do. How did you feel afterwards?
8. In the book, Malie and Ethan's relationship changes as they do. Have you ever had a friendship that has changed over time? Describe what happened and how things changed for the better or for the worse. How did you and your friend each deal with these changes?
9. Would you want to work in an ice cream parlor? Why or why not? Describe your ideal after-school job.
10. Which do you like better, gelato or ice cream? Why? Make up a recipe for your own kind of ice cream. With the help of some of your family, freeze up a batch and have family or friends taste test it to see what they think.