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# CAKE POP CRUSH

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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### *Discussion Questions for CAKE POP CRUSH*

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Alicia Ramirez has always loved baking. Her family owns Say It With Flour, the small bakery in town. And Ali's specialties are cake pops: delicious confections on a stick. But Ali's sweet life turns sour when a sleek coffee shop opens across the street, giving her bakery a run for its money. The coffee shop owner's son, Dane, is Ali's age, and he loves to bake, too. Plus, he's annoyingly cute.

When Dane and Ali engage in a cake pop bake-off, will Ali be able to rise to the occasion? Or will her crush get in the way?

1. Who is your favorite character in the book and why?
2. List three of Ali's strongest personality traits. Now list three of her character flaws. Do the same for Dane. Do you share any of their personality traits? Which ones?
3. Compare and contrast Ali's perceptions of Dane from the beginning to the end of the story.
4. Think of a time you've lost something or someone special to you. How did it change you? How did you create a legacy for that person or memento?
5. Why do you think Ali's father is so resistant to change? Do you agree or disagree with his opinions and why?
6. In the story, one of Ali's role models is Renata. Describe an important role model in your own life and how he/she has impacted you.
7. Ali is protective of her family. Think of a time when you protected someone you loved. Write a story about it.
8. What is Sarah's punishment at the end of the book? How might she have behaved differently? How might it have changed the ending to her part of the story?
9. Have you ever participated in a contest or performance where you've had to stand up in front of a large crowd? How did it make you feel? Describe your experience.
10. Have you ever experienced a baking disaster of your own? Draw a comic strip illustrating what happened. Have fun!