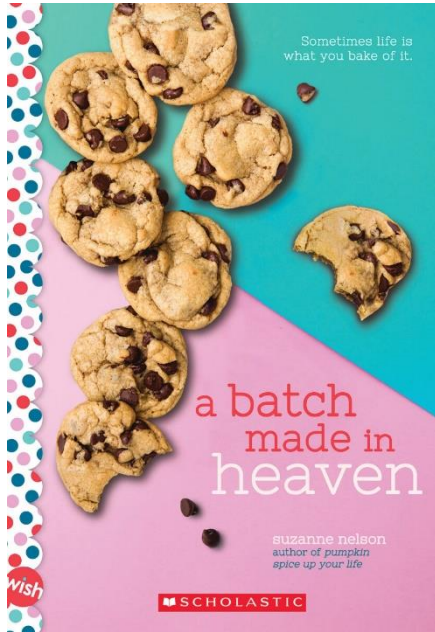

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



Discussion Questions for A BATCH MADE IN HEAVEN

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Mina is excited to start her mentorship at A Batch Made in Heaven, the bakery in town known for its inventive cookies. Mina dreams of becoming a baker herself someday. But Flynn, the (undeniably cute) son of the owner, won't let Mina into the kitchen: the top secret Cookie Vault. If Mina can't bake, then she can't enter the big cookie competition...and she'll never win the money to help her dad open the restaurant he's always wanted.

What secret is Flynn hiding? And will Mina's entire plan crumble, or can she find a way to help her family and her heart?

1. Describe the friendship between Mina and Kalliah. How is it similar or different to friendships you have with your close friends?

2. In the book, Flynn is asked to keep the truth about the recipes a secret. Think of a time when you were asked to keep a secret. How did keeping the secret make you feel? Did keeping the secret help or hurt others? Explain what happened and what, if anything, you might have done differently in the situation.

3. Describe a moment in your life when you felt pressure from friends or family to behave a certain way or do a certain activity. What did you do about it? What was the outcome?

4. Mina takes on a lot of responsibility in her family's household once the twins are born. How does she feel about helping out? How do things change once she's honest with her parents about her feelings?

5. Sometimes Mina tries to "fix" other people's problems by taking charge. Think of a time when you, or someone you care about, tried to be a "fixer." Explain what happened and whether the outcome was good or bad.

6. How does Mina's relationship with her parents change over the course of the book? What about her relationship with Kalliah? Are these changes positive or negative? Why?

7. Which character in the book are you the most similar to? Why? Which character are you the most different from? Why?

8. Imagine what sort of apprenticeship job you might like to have, if your school had a program similar to the one at Oyster Cove. Describe your ideal job.

9. What do you think happens to the characters after Mina's cookie competition is over? Share what the characters might be doing a few months after the story ends.

10. Invent your own cookie recipe, listing all of your ingredients. Try making it with family or friends!