

SOME BOYS by Patty Blount

Discussion Guide

Questions about SOME BOYS

1. What do you think is the main theme of SOME BOYS?
2. In the opening scene, we learn Grace's friends have turned away from her. Why do you think they did this?
3. Each chapter in SOME BOYS alternates between Grace and Ian. What did you think about the ways Grace thinks about boys? What did you think about the ways Ian thinks about girls?
4. Why do you think Ian searched Zac's phone?
5. During Lit class, Grace's class is reading *The Taming of the Shrew*. What similarities do you see between Grace and Shakespeare's Kate?
6. Throughout the story, Grace is criticized for the way she dresses. Why does she wear her 'costume'? Why do you think Ian doesn't like it?
7. How would things have changed for Grace if she'd accepted her mother's offer of that semester abroad?
8. Throughout SOME BOYS, decisions by main characters Grace, Ian and Zac are questioned. What about decisions made by supporting characters? Which decisions were good and which were bad? Explain.

Questions About YOU

1. How do you think you'd respond if it were your friend who'd been raped, or accused of rape?
2. Rapes like Grace's have occurred in towns across our country like Steubenville and Maryville. In what ways has reading SOME BOYS changed the ways you think about how rape crimes are investigated? How would you change the law?
3. Also in the news frequently is the subject of *rape culture*. What do you think rape culture is and how do the events in SOME BOYS support the existence of such a culture? How do you think rape culture can be eliminated?
4. Which lesson in SOME BOYS most influenced you?
5. How do the events in SOME BOYS change the ways you might approach intimacy?

