

reading group guide

1. What do you think the title means?
2. After Luke's ex-girlfriend returned to Truman High, Bella didn't handle it very well. What would you have done in her situation?
3. In a carnival or circus, things are often not what they seem. Where else was this true in the book?
4. What's some advice you'd give to a friend who's struggling with a parent's remarriage? What would God want her to know?
5. When Jake gets his dream job as a pro wrestler, things didn't quite turn out like he or the family thought. How so? Describe a time when getting what you wanted wasn't quite all you thought it would be.
6. Bella ultimately forgives Hunter, her cheating ex-boyfriend, and resumes a friendship with him. Was this the right thing to do or should she have stayed away from him?
7. Communicating in families is often hard. Why do you think Bella's dad wouldn't listen to her warnings about Christina? Why do parents sometimes not "hear" you?
8. If God sat down and had coffee with Bella, what would he tell her she needed to work on?
9. How has Bella and Budge's relationship grown?
10. What tips would you give Bella's dad for repairing his relationship with his daughter? Where would he even start?
11. 1 Corinthians 1:9 promises us that God is faithful. In what ways do you see this in the book? Where have you seen this in your own life?