

Novel·Ties

The Lottery Rose

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A Study Guide

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For the Teacher

This reproducible study guide consists of instructional material to use in conjunction with the novel *The Lottery Rose*. Written in chapter-by-chapter format, the guide contains a synopsis, pre-reading activities, vocabulary and comprehension exercises, as well as extension activities to be used as follow-up to the novel.

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CHAPTER 1

Vocabulary: Draw a line from each word on the left to its meaning on the right. Then use the numbered words to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

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| 1. welt | a. fresh; inflamed; untreated |
| 2. battered | b. fear |
| 3. raw | c. bruise |
| 4. dread | d. bear patiently |
| 5. endure | e. dirt |
| 6. filth | f. hit or beaten repeatedly |

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- The _____ and garbage in the apartment shocked the police.
- His abused and _____ body needed immediate medical attention after the car accident.
- The _____ in the little boy's eyes was obvious whenever a stranger approached.
- The doctor, noticing the _____ on the child's back, wondered whether he had been beaten.
- The police concluded that the beatings were recent because the wounds were still _____.
- It is difficult to _____ extreme heat without air conditioning.

Questions:

- Why doesn't Georgie live with his mother?
- What is the one object that has special meaning to Georgie? Why is he embarrassed to let his classmates know?
- Why is Georgie fond of Miss Ames and Mrs. Sims?
- Why does Georgie stay at home and keep his problems a secret?

Questions for Discussion:

- Do you think the author wants the reader to have sympathy for Georgie's mother or condemn her? Do you have any sympathy for her?
- Why do you think Mrs. Sims is eager to have Georgie participate in the lottery?
- Adults in the neighborhood saw Georgie's bruised body and heard his cries; yet no one tried to stop the violence against him. Why do you think this abuse was allowed to continue?

Chapter 1 (cont.)

4. Why do you think Georgie had such difficulty learning to read? What might the school and Miss Cressman have done to help him?
5. Why doesn't Georgie have friends? Why is it difficult for him to trust people? How does he feel about adults in general?

Literary Devices:

- I. *Simile*—A simile is a figure of speech in which two unlike objects are compared using words “as” or “like.” For example:

He [Georgie] was suddenly wary and frightened like a little animal that senses a return of danger.

What is being compared?

Why is this an apt comparison?

- II. *Hook*—A hook refers to an opening passage in a work of fiction that is sufficiently intriguing to propel the reader into the book. What is the hook at the beginning of this book?

- III. *Cliffhanger*—A cliffhanger is a device borrowed from silent serialized films in which an episode ends at a moment of heightened tension or suspense. In a book, it usually appears at the end of a chapter to encourage the reader to continue on in the book. What is the cliffhanger at the end of Chapter One?

Writing Activity:

Imagine you are Miss Ames or Mrs. Sims and write a letter to a friend describing your relationship with Georgie and expressing your concerns for his future.

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What was the first event in the plot that lifted Georgie's spirit? Winning a rose bush. 200. What was Georgie expecting when he returned home that night after winning the rose bush? He had no expectations, he just wished that Steve would not be there. 200. His rose bush that he won from the local grocery store lottery. 200. What was the major event in the plot that changed Georgie's life forever? When he went to court, he was assigned a new residence that would save him from Steve and his mother. 300. The Lottery Rose is a 1976 young adult novel by Newbery-winning author Irene Hunt. Though written at a middle-school reading level, this book is also suitable for high school readers due to high-interest subject matter. Georgie Burgess, seven and a half years old, lives in Tampa Florida. He lives with domestic abuse but harbors it secret. He gets in trouble at school and hasn't learned to read, but he loves looking at a book with pictures of flowers.