

Kit Read All About It
Discussion Questions

1. Who was your favorite character & why? What was your favorite scene?
2. What is Kit's favorite pastime? What kind of stories does she write? How does her writing change throughout the book?
3. Kit likes true stories while Ruthie wants to live in a fairytale. How does their idea of what is important effect their friendship?
4. Describe the differences between Kit & Ruthie's family's. How do they get bigger after Kit's dad loses his job?
5. Define sacrifice. What are some of the things Kit and Charlie sacrifice to help their family? How does Kit's dad sacrifice? Have you ever sacrificed something?
6. When Kit sees her father at the soup kitchen how does she react? Were you surprised that her Dad had been going there? Do you think her dad was being dishonest or trying to protect his family?
7. How does Kit feel about the boarders at the beginning of the book? How does she feel about Stirling? How do things change as the story goes on?
8. Stirling gets a letter from his dad that includes \$20. How did you feel when you found out he wrote the letter himself?
9. One of the ways Kit helps the family is by taking care of Uncle Hendrick who refuses to help her family financially. How does Kit use this opportunity to make money?
10. Kit deals with feelings of shame throughout the book, how did you feel about her reactions to Roger's teasing in contrast to Ruthie's charity?
11. In what ways has Kit changed by the end of the book?

Kit Turning Things Around
Discussion Questions

1. Who was your favorite character & why? What was your favorite scene?
2. What kind of birthday party does Kit want to have at the beginning of the book? Why does she think she can't have it?
3. Who comes to visit in the beginning of the book? What kind of ideas does Aunt Millie have to save money? Which idea was your favorite?
4. Why is Kit embarrassed to sell eggs in her neighborhood? How do you think you would react in that situation?
5. How does Kit react when Aunt Millie comes to school? What changes her mind?
6. Who is Will? What kinds of things does he teach Sterling and Kit about hobo life? What happens when they visit the jungle the first time? How does this change Kit's view of hobo life?
7. What happens when Kit, Sterling and Will jump the train?
8. Where does Charlie go and why? What other programs helped Kit's family?
9. Kit's mom makes her a new coat, what does Kit decide to do with her old coat?
10. Uncle Hendrick is BACK! What does he think about the idea to let people have temporary housing in an old hospital? What is Kit's reaction and what does she do about it? How do Kit's actions inspire others?
11. In what ways has Kit changed by the end of the book?



Create your own newspaper!

We've provided the paper to create your very own "read all about it" newspaper. Here are a few things to think about before you begin work on your project:

- Give your newspaper a name.
- Decide on the layout for your paper. Design it any way you'd like.
- Consider what you'll include in your newspaper. Will you write about yourself? Your family? Your pet? Your favorite sport? Your hobby? Will you review a book you've read? Maybe you'll write about a favorite holiday and how you celebrate. You might also interview someone and ask questions about their life, their job, or what they like to do for fun. Are there interesting things happening in your community?
- Do you want to include pictures or drawings?
- Once you've created your newspaper, share it with friends and family so they, too, can "READ ALL ABOUT IT!"