



Reader's Group Discussion Guide

- 1) Izzy's mother sends her to live with her grandma – who she barely knows. How does Izzy react to the news? How would you react if you had to live with a distant relative?
- 2) Nana gives the name “Estrella” to Izzy's bedroom. What name would you give your room? Talk about why you chose it.
- 3) The people in the village tell Izzy how she reminds them of her father, who she never knew. How do you feel when people say you remind them of someone – your parents, siblings or even someone famous?
- 4) Nana says that “Life is Magic” and “Sometimes you can't see the magic, you just know its there because you can feel it.” Talk about a time you felt magic – was it something you saw, or a feeling you had inside.
- 5) Izzy finally learns the real story of her father's death. Do you think her mom and Nana were right to wait so long to tell her the truth?
- 6) Socorro gives Izzy a truth catcher. Do you think there was really magic in the glass?
- 7) Izzy has a chance to speak with the father she never knew. Do you think it was a dream, or something else? Does it matter?
- 8) When Izzy's mom returns from Costa Rica, she's more willing to talk to Izzy about her father than she has been before. Why do you think she had a change of heart?
- 9) How is Maggie's accident similar to what happened to Izzy's dad, and how is it different?
- 10) Izzy and Mateo are surprised to find the treasure on the map was something they'd had all along. What do you treasure in your life? Is it an object, a person, a feeling, a special talent, a place – or something else?

