

THE BOY WHO STEALS HOUSES

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you think of the main character, Sam? Is he a typical 'hero'?
2. Do you think breaking into houses makes Sam a bad person? What would you do in Sam's situation?
3. Discuss the theme of 'home' in the book. What role do keys play within this?
4. Talk through each character's perspective of 'family' - what does it mean to them? For instance, how does Moxie's opinion differ from Sam's?
5. How does the theme of loss, and being lost, affect the different characters in the book?
6. What do you think the author is trying to say about male mental health and the effects of domestic abuse?
7. Do you think Sam's relationship with Avery is a strong one?
8. How is Autism represented in the book? What do you think could be done to expand the conversation about disabilities?
9. How would you describe the book to someone in 10 words or less?
10. Did you find the ending satisfying? What do you think will happen to Sam next?

