

Reader's Guide
For
Read My Lips
by
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A Debut Young Adult Novel

About the Book

Serena just wants to fly under the radar at her new school. But Serena is deaf, and she can read lips really well—even across the busy cafeteria. So when the popular girls discover her talent, there's no turning back. With each new secret she uncovers for the A-lister, Serena feels pressure to find out more. Reading lips has always been her greatest talent, but now Serena just feels like a gigantic snoop....

About the Author

Teri Brown is a freelance writer and author from Portland, Oregon. She enjoys writing fish-out-of-water stories because she's always felt out of step with the people around her. As a teen she always felt more comfortable around adults. As an adult she feels more comfortable around teens. Since she has two teenagers and many teen friends that isn't a problem.

Discussion Questions

1. Why does Serena feel out of place in her new school? Is it because of her deafness or is there more?
2. Why do you think Serena is compelled to go along with Patrice and spy on people, even though she's feeling used?
3. Why do you think Miller avoids the popular group?
4. Serena loves helping out at the kennels. Why do you think that is?
5. Has this book taught you anything you may not have known about deafness?

Activity

Ask students what they would do if they were stranded on a desert island with people who only used sign language. What would they do? Through a class discussion, have your students create a list of the twenty most important words needed to communicate. Learn the ASL signs for those words.