

The Stumptown Kid by Carol Gorman and Ron J. Findley

Fact Questions

1. What is the name of the main character? Charlie Nebraska
2. What is the name of the stranger in town that Charlie befriends? Luther Peale
3. Where does the story take place? Holden, Iowa
4. In what year does the story take place? 1952
5. What is Charlie trying to do as the story begins? Try out for the Wildcat baseball team
6. What is the name of the bully in the book? Brad Lobo
7. What is the name of Charlie's best friend? Will
8. Do you remember why Stumptown is called that? People cut trees down for houses, then left. When a neighborhood was built there, people had to pull out the stumps one by one.
9. What is the name of the person Charlie's mom is dating? Vern
10. What job does Luther get in town? At an egg factory doing candling
11. Why do the wildcats and the Stumptown kids decide to play baseball? To settle the dispute between Lobo and Charlie
12. Who wins the game? (May be several answers)

Questions for Discussion

1. What do you think about the way Charlie acts around Brad? What would you do in those situations?
2. Do you think it's scary to walk in the storm drain? What's the scariest thing you've ever done?
3. Have you read any other baseball books? How does this book compare to them?
4. Why doesn't Vern like Luther? Do you agree with his opinion? Why or why not?
5. If you were Charlie, what would you do about Vern?
6. Do you like Charlie's mother? Why or why not?
7. Give one example of how Luther was a good coach.
8. Why is Luther in Iowa?
9. What treasure does Luther own?
10. Name someone from the town of Holden. What do we know about them?
11. Something exciting happens at the end of the book. Can you remember any part of it? If you were Charlie, would you have done anything differently?
12. On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you like the book?