Intersection Allies: We Make Room for All

by: Johnson, Council, and Choi

This book introduces us to a group of friends from all different backgrounds, race, religion, and economic groups. There are some wonderful discussion ideas, terms, and information starting on page 45.

Here are some things to think about while reading.

- Pages 12-13, we meet Allie. How do her friends help her? What are some challenges she faces? Why do they help her?
- Pages 16-17, how do Parker’s friends help her? What is community? Who is your community?
- Pages 18-19, Kate could be teased for being herself instead of letting others tell her how she should be. What are some of her challenges? How do her friends help her?
- Pages 20-21, what is Adilah’s choice? Why would it cause debate? What are some of her challenges? How could you make her feel welcome?
- Page 22, talk about how and why clothes can cause conflict.
- Pages 24-25, what is in the news that could frighten Nia? What are the challenges Nia might face? She faces her fear bravely. Would it be hard to be that brave? Talk about what that must feel like for her.
- Pages 26-27, talk about protesting. Protesting has a history that says something needs to change. It is how great changes were made in our country. It is us making sure our voice is heard. It holds our country and our lawmakers accountable to the people. It, also, reminds us to think of others, especially those who are being hurt by something wrong.
- Pages 28-29, Dakota is Native American. What does she believe is important? What challenges does she face?
- Pages 30-31, we meet Gloria. What language does she speak besides English? How does she help her family? What are some challenges she might face?
- Pages 32-33, Where is Heejung from? How does she help her mother? What are her challenges?
- Pages 34-35, How does Yuri come to the USA? Why did she come? How did her friends help? What challenges might she face?
Pages 36-39, What does it mean to be more than our origins? Can people with such differences be friends? Do you think about your friends living life differently than you? What are some ways? How can you be a friend? How can you be an ally?

- Continue starting page 45.