

Mother Daughter Book Club



Discussion Questions for

Jacky Ha-Ha by James Patterson



1. Why does Jacky become a class clown?
Why can't she stop making jokes, even when she tries?
2. Why is Jackie so impressed by Ms. O'Mara?
Who are some of your female role models?
Why are they important to you?
3. Why is Jacky afraid of being in the play and giving a speech?
How does Jacky overcome her fear?
4. Have you ever stuck up for a friend the way Jacky sticks up for Meredith?
Have you ever had a friend stick up for you?
5. How did Jacky get her nickname? How does her nickname continue to shape her life? Do you have a nickname?
6. Do you have a special relationship with someone older as Jacky does with her Nonna? What have you learned from that person that you might not have learned from someone your own age?
7. Jacky has many responsibilities, such as school, after-school activities, and helping to take care of her sisters. When have you felt that you've had a lot of responsibilities? How did you manage them?
8. What are some of your talents? What kinds of new talents would you like to explore?
9. Why is Jackie's speech more meaningful because her mother is present to hear it?
10. Discuss what you think will happen next for Jacky and her family.

