



# TOTEM by Matthew Hall

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## SUGGESTED QUESTIONS

for Book Clubs

1. What did you think of the book's title? Did your response to it change as you read the book?
2. Do you think you would like Jessie and Todd in real life?
3. What do you think about Jessie's change of heart over the course of the book?
4. Why do you think Todd has always had so much pain and trouble? By the end of the book, what do you think his future looks like?
5. In what ways do the book or the characters' journeys reflect your own life experiences?
6. Is Jessie right when she says that innocence and idealism are luxuries that belong to the young and those who refuse to face reality?
7. How do the brutality and unfair behaviour of the police in the story make you feel? Have you ever stood up to someone in authority and, if so, how did it make you feel?
8. Who or what is the challenging spirit in your life?
9. What was your response to the illustrations in the book? How did it help your understanding of the book or the characters?
10. How do you feel about how things work out for Todd and Jessie's relationship at the end of the novel?