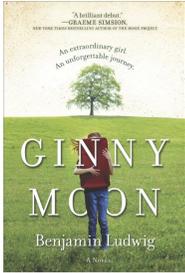


Books by the Stack



Ginny Moon by Benjamin Ludwig

Meet Ginny Moon. She's mostly your average teenager but Ginny is autistic. And so what's important to her might seem a bit...different: starting every day with exactly nine grapes for breakfast, Michael Jackson, her baby doll, and crafting a secret plan of escape.

Why you'll like it: *Authentic. Character-driven. Heartwarming.*

About the Author: A life-long teacher of English and writing, Benjamin Ludwig lives in New Hampshire with his family. He holds an MAT in English Education and an MFA in Writing. Shortly after he and his wife married they became foster parents and adopted a teenager with autism. *Ginny Moon* is his first novel. (Amazon author profile)

Questions for Discussion

1. Ginny's lack of emotional attachment to the people in her life makes her seem cold and unfriendly. Do you consider her to be an unfriendly person? How do you think Ginny might define the word *friend*?
2. Ginny appears to be completely uninterested in romance. How do you envision her romantic life as an adult?
3. Do you think the Moons acted reasonably with regard to Ginny before and after Wendy was born? If you had to step into the shoes of Brian and Maura Moon, and perceived your adopted child as a possible threat to your biological child, what would you do?
4. Patrice makes some pointed observations about the Moons, especially Maura. Do you think her observations are accurate? Are her interactions with Ginny appropriate?
5. Do you as a reader become more or less sympathetic toward Maura when she is forced to increase her interaction with Ginny after Brian's heart attack?
6. What do you think of Gloria's character? How would you describe Ginny's feelings towards her? How is Gloria perceived differently through Ginny's eyes than the other adults' eyes?
7. Do you think Rick would make a good dad? Why or why not?
8. When the Moons and Patrice finally realized why Ginny was so concerned about her "baby doll," were you surprised? How did their original dismissal of Ginny's obsession make you feel?
9. How did Ginny save her sister's life? Why was this so difficult for the adults in her life to grasp before she called it Krystal with a K?
10. Why was it hard for Ginny to understand that her Baby Doll was six, and even worse, that she was too late to stop all the things that happened to her from happening to it? How did the one motivation drive most of her actions?

11. What is Ginny's greatest personal strength? At what point(s) were you disappointed with her?

12. What stereotypes surround people on the autism spectrum? To what extent does Ginny fulfill or defy such stereotypes?

13. At the end of the book, did you feel that Ginny had evolved? What about Maura? In what ways do you think they both still have progress to make? Were you surprised by the way the story concluded?

(Questions provided by the publisher)



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