

CHASING REDBIRD

Chapters 26-28 “Provisions” to “Baby in a Bug”



Discussion Questions

- 1.) Discuss some of the “conditions” Zinny’s parents impose on her camping trip and why they are important.
- 2.) Why does Zinny decide to include a change of clothes in the items she packs for her campout?
- 3.) Why does Zinny decide to go into the Flint’s store even though she sees Jake’s truck parked outside and doesn’t want to talk to him?
- 4.) How does Jake react when he sees Zinny?
- 5.) How does Jake’s anger nearly hurt Uncle Nate?
- 6.) What are the two things Jake feels he has to say Zinny? What does she hope he will say?
- 7.) Why do you think Zinny’s parents get up early to see her off on the day she leaves for the trail?
- 8.) How does Zinny think camping on the trail will differ from life at home? How does what she imagined feeling differ from the way she actually feels when she arrives at her chosen campsite?
- 9.) Why does Zinny start to feel like a “low-down worm”?
- 10.) Why does Zinny try to busy herself and keep from thinking about the millions of scenes she thinks might burst from her head?
- 11.) Why does Zinny start to feel a little scared as she sits in the big maple tree?
- 12.) Why doesn’t Zinny check to see what is making the crackling noise during the night?
- 13.) How is Zinny’s dream, about Aunt Jessie and Rose, different from what she remembered actually happened?
- 14.) Why do you think Zinny collects some of the objects she finds along the trail? Do you think these are important artifacts? Why or why not?
- 15.) Why does Zinny’s father fly over the trail every couple of days? How does Zinny feel about him doing this?
- 16.) Why is Zinny weak-kneed and cringing as she clears through Baby Toe Ridge?
- 17.) How does Zinny think the apple trees got there?
- 18.) Prediction: What is the significance of Zinny’s flashbacks? What will she discover?
- 19.) **Evaluate & Reflect:** Discuss what is the trail teaching Zinny about herself?