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Summer Reading

Book Response for Faith, Hope and Ivy June

Section 1:

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Faith, Hope, and Ivy June

Total pages: 223

Star Rating:



Section 2:

Ivy June lives down south in Thunder Creek, Kentucky. She lives with her grandfather, grandmother, and great grandmother in a small little house with no telephone. Ivy June and her family don't have much but it doesn't seem to bother Ivy June at all, until she applies for this exchange program with this girl, Catherine, from Lexington, Kentucky, who has four bathrooms in her house! Will Ivy June ever be happy again with the things she has? Or will Catherine's matching curtains and bedspread get the best of her?

Section 3:

One of the big ideas in this book is how people have different lives and have differences in money and status, but it doesn't mean that one type of people is better or happier than other types. Another big idea is that people need to be true to themselves and not get caught up in how other people think and live. These big ideas develop as Ivy June has new experiences that show her how other people live. She has to figure out that her life has many great things in it, especially her relationships with her family.

Section 4:

I mostly liked this book because the two main characters in the book were about my age, and going through a lot of the same things I'm going through right now, so it was a good way to connect. I also liked it because there were parts in the book where I couldn't put it down, and the author left you hanging at the end of the chapter. This was good because it is really not fun to read a book, and just be waiting for it to end. For example at the end of chapter 33, Ivy June wrote in her journal, "Money can't buy happiness, but it sure can make life a lot easier." That made me wonder if Ivy June was really becoming jealous of Catherine's world, and/or if Ivy June was starting to like Thunder Creek less and less. The reason why it didn't get all 5 stars was because at parts it could be very slow, especially at the beginning. At the beginning the author spent a couple of chapters just explaining everything, like how Ivy June lived, and how she had signed up for this exchange program, and the author just seemed to be going on and on.