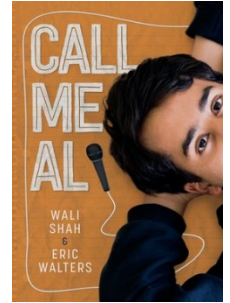




Call Me Al

By Wali Shah & Eric Walters

Discussion Questions



1. Before reading, what did you expect this book to be about?

2. Do you think the cover is effective? Why or why not?

3. Did you enjoy the book? Would you recommend it to a friend? To whom and why?

4. What character(s) in the book did you like the most and why?

5. Why is Al's father a taxi driver in Canada instead of a doctor, as he was in Pakistan?

6. At the mall, why does Zach tell Al to hide the lunch Al's mother made before the others get back?

7. Explain what is meant by Al's grandfather when he says, "You are not white enough to get away with just a call to your parents." (Page 20)

8. What advice would you give to Al when someone calls him "Ali", when he prefers Al? Do people ever call you by a different name than your preferred name?

9. In the back of the book, it says that Wali Shah "faced pressure from his Pakistani-immigrant parents to choose a profession that would justify their many sacrifices." How do you think his experience helped him in writing Al's story?

10. Have you read other books by Eric Walters? If so, which one(s) and which was your favourite?
