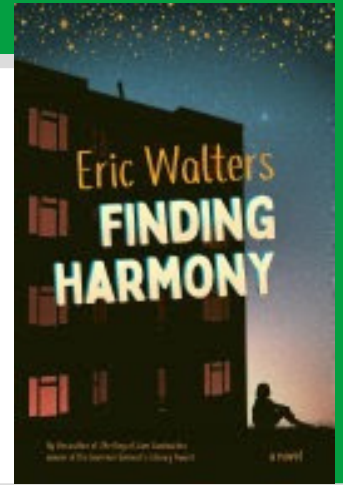


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## **Questions**

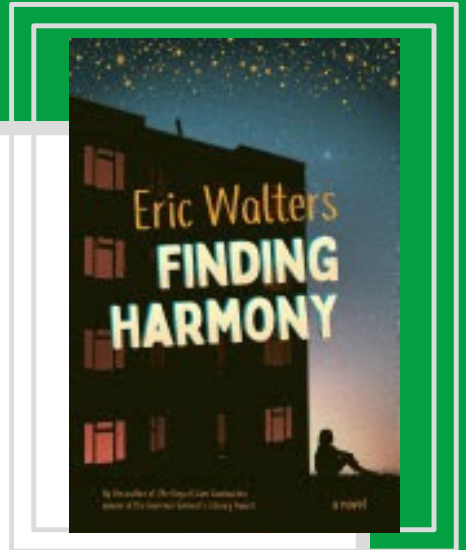
- 1. Why doesn't Harmony trust anyone at the start of the book? What are some things that different people do to earn her trust?**
- 2. At one point Harmony says, “The problem wasn't running away. It was not having any place to run to.” Do you have a place where you feel safe and protected? Where is it, and what is it about that place that makes you feel that way?**
- 3. Why did Mr. Khaled let Harmony take the milk and cereal when she was clearly about to steal it? Why does Harmony return to the store to help if she knows she can have the food for free?**
- 4. Why doesn't Harmony want to go to Kimmie or Jamie's apartment?**
- 5. The police decide not to arrest Harmony's mom for two reasons. What are they?**
- 6. Why did Harmony feel strange when Mr. Khaled said her mother had raised her well?**
- 7. At one point Harmony needs to respond to an emergency. What can you do to be prepared for an emergency?**
- 8. Mr. Khaled tells Harmony, “Today is not a day to stop. Even if it is hard. We keep going.” When have you felt challenged or under pressure, and what are some things you did or said to yourself to stay motivated?**



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## **Answers**



- 1. Harmony’s mother is an addict and rarely follows through on what she promises to do. The other adults in her life act like they know what she needs. Mr. Khaled, Gloria, and Mr. James all earn her trust by listening to her and stepping in to protect her when needed.**
- 2. Answers will vary.**
- 3. Mr. Khaled can tell that she is hungry and remembers what hunger is like from when he was a refugee. Harmony returns to help because she wants to earn the food and she doesn’t want to be alone in her apartment.**
- 4. She is worried that they will ask to come to her apartment and she is too embarrassed.**
- 5. They want her to spy on people at her workplace, and they want her to be a better mother to Harmony.**
- 6. Her mother didn’t really raise her, and Harmony has a low self-image.**
- 7. Answers could include posting emergency phone numbers, having a pre-planned fire escape route, and/or taking a First Aid or Home Alone course.**
- 8. Answers will vary.**



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