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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Garvey's Choice

Author:

Nikki Grimes

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.
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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

- 1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
- 2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
- 3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
- 4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

What does this chapter show about how Garvey feels about his body, food, or being judged by others?

Example answer: This chapter shows me that Garvey feels uncomfortable when people judge him by his size instead of who he is. I think food can feel like comfort to him when he is upset or lonely. It makes me feel sorry for him because he has thoughts and talents that people do not always notice. I think Garvey wants to be seen as more than just his body.

Chapter 64

What are you still wondering about Garvey, his family, or his next choice after this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 63

Looking back over the chapters so far, how has your opinion of Garvey changed or grown?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

How does Nikki Grimes's poem style affect the way you read Garvey's thoughts in this chapter?

Example answer: The poem style makes Garvey's thoughts feel close and personal. Since the chapter is short, every word seems important. I noticed that the lines slow me down and make me think about his feelings. It feels almost like I am hearing Garvey speak honestly in his own mind.

What message about talents and interests does this chapter seem to share?

Example answer: I think this chapter shows that a person's talents might not be the ones other people expect. Garvey may not fit what his father wants, but he still has interests that matter. The message is that everyone deserves a chance to discover what they are good at. I think that is important because people can shine in different ways.

Chapter 1

So far, what is the main conflict between Garvey and his father, and how does it affect Garvey?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 62

What object, image, or repeated idea in this chapter could be a symbol? What might it stand for?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 61

What challenge in this chapter helps Garvey learn something about himself or others?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

After this chapter, what do you understand better about what Garvey wants for himself?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

How does someone in Garvey's family respond to him in this chapter, and what does that show about their relationship?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 60

How does this chapter connect to the idea of making a choice?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 59

What does Garvey need to say, hear, or understand after this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

What detail about Garvey's home or school life feels important in this chapter? Explain why it matters.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Choose one word, phrase, or image from this chapter that stands out to you. What does it help you picture or feel?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 58

Which emotion seems most important in this chapter: sadness, anger, hope, embarrassment, pride, or another feeling? Why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 57

How do Garvey's interests, such as music, reading, or space, show his inner life?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

What choice does Garvey make in this chapter, and what might that choice show about him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

How does pressure from Garvey's father or other people shape Garvey's feelings in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 56

How might this chapter seem different if it were told by Garvey's father, mother, sister, or friend?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 55

Does this chapter feel like a turning point for Garvey? Explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

What does this chapter show about how Garvey feels about his body, food, or being judged by others?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

How does a friend, classmate, or family member help or hurt Garvey in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 54

What does this chapter show about the harm of judging people by how they look?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 53

How does the setting, such as Garvey's home or school, influence what happens in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Based on what you read, what do you predict might happen next in Garvey's relationship with his father?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Describe a moment in this chapter when Garvey shows courage, even if it is quiet courage.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 52

What pattern do you notice in the way Garvey or another character acts across the story so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 51

How would you describe Garvey's voice as a narrator in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

What theme about being yourself appears in this chapter? Use a detail from the text to support your answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

When Garvey feels misunderstood, what does he do or think in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 50

What message about talents and interests does this chapter seem to share?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 49

What is one detail from this chapter that might be easy to miss but is actually important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

If you could ask Garvey one question after this chapter, what would you ask, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

How are Garvey's experiences at home and at school similar or different so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 48

If this chapter were a scene in a movie, what would the most important shot or image be? Explain your choice.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 47

What is one inner conflict Garvey has, and how is it different from an outside conflict with another person?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

How does Garvey's interest in things like space, stories, or music help you understand who he is?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

How does Nikki Grimes's poem style affect the way you read Garvey's thoughts in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 46

What choice do you think Garvey may need to make next, and why?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 45

What motivates Garvey's father in this chapter?
Try to explain his point of view without excusing hurtful behavior.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

What clue in this chapter helps you understand Garvey's mood? Explain how the clue works.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

What might the word choice in the title, Garvey's Choice, mean based on what you have read so far?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 44

What small victory, hope, or positive moment appears in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 43

What does Garvey seem to fear in this chapter, and what evidence shows that fear?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

Which character surprised you most in this chapter, and what did that character do or say?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

What problem is Garvey facing that cannot be solved quickly? Why is it complicated?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 42

What connection can you make between Garvey's feelings and a time when someone felt left out or not understood?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 41

How does the short poem form make this chapter feel different from a regular prose chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

How do Garvey's father's words or actions affect Garvey's confidence in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

How does Garvey's mother, sister, or another family member show care, worry, or frustration?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 40

Would you want to be Garvey's friend after reading this chapter? What would you say or do?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 39

What does this chapter teach about labels people put on others?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

What challenge does Garvey face at school in this chapter, and how does he respond to it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

What strengths does Garvey show in this chapter that other characters might not notice right away?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 38

How does Garvey respond to teasing, pressure, or uncomfortable attention in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 37

Do you agree with the way Garvey handles the situation in this chapter? Why or why not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

What talent, interest, or dream might become more important for Garvey later? What makes you think so?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

Pick a line or moment that felt powerful to you.
What made it powerful?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 36

What sensory details help you see, hear, or feel
what Garvey is experiencing?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 35

What does this chapter suggest about family love, even when family members do not agree?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

Do you think the expectations placed on Garvey are fair? Explain your opinion using the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

How does friendship help Garvey in this chapter, or how could friendship help him more?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 34

What misunderstanding happens or continues in this chapter, and why does it matter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 33

What advice would you give Garvey's father at this point in the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 30

What lesson about listening to others does this chapter suggest?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 31

In what small way does Garvey's confidence change in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 32

How is food connected to comfort, stress, or feelings in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
