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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Squished

Author:

Megan Wagner Lloyd

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.

Based on what you have read so far, why does Avery want more space for herself? Explain what her wish tells you about her needs.

Example answer: I think Avery wants more space because being around so many siblings can feel tiring. She wants a place where she can have some quiet and make her own choices. Her wish shows me that she needs privacy, not that she dislikes her family. I can care about people and still need time alone.

Chapter 12

After your latest reading, what question would you ask Avery about her life or wishes? Explain what made you curious and how you think she might answer.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

How well does the title *Squished* fit what you have read so far? Explain how it could describe both Avery’s home and her feelings.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

What does Avery’s interest in art help you understand about her so far? Explain why having something of her own to enjoy might matter to her.

Example answer: I think Avery’s interest in art shows that she is creative and has ideas she wants to share. Art gives her a way to express herself. In a big family, it might be easy to feel like just one person in a crowd. I think making art helps her feel like her own person.

How well does the title *Squished* fit what you have read so far? Explain how it could describe both Avery’s home and her feelings.

Example answer: I think *Squished* is a good title because Avery’s home has many people sharing space. The word makes me picture everyone being squeezed together. It also fits how Avery might feel when her own wishes get crowded out by other people’s needs. To me, the title is about needing room for both your body and your feelings.

Chapter 1

So far, what have you learned about Avery Lee’s life in her crowded family home? Explain how living with many siblings affects her day.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Which of Avery’s choices in your reading do you agree or disagree with most? Explain your opinion and what you might have done in her place.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What message about family or personal space do you notice developing so far? Connect your idea to something Avery says, does, or feels.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Based on what you have read so far, why does Avery want more space for herself? Explain what her wish tells you about her needs.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

From your reading so far, how would you describe Avery's personality? Choose one action or line of dialogue that supports your description.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Thinking about your reading so far, how do Avery and a member of her family see a situation differently? Explain what each person seems to want.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What does Avery’s interest in art help you understand about her so far? Explain why having something of her own to enjoy might matter to her.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Looking at the pages you have read, how do the pictures help you understand Avery’s feelings about her busy home? Describe a detail that words alone might not show.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Which word or phrase in your reading best captures what life feels like for Avery? Explain its meaning and why it fits her situation.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

At this point in the story, what do you predict Avery will do next to handle a problem she faces? Use a clue from your reading to explain your guess.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
