



BATTLING BOY – READING GROUP GUIDE



About the Book:

When Battling Boy's father (a warrior god) drops him on a world infested with bloodthirsty monsters, he leaves his son with nothing but a magic credit card, a trunk full of enchanted tee shirts, and instructions not to come home until he's liberated the planet from its plague of monsters.

It's one kid vs an entire world full of monsters. And the monsters don't stand a chance.

For Discussion:

Battling Boy is a graphic novel, a story told in words and pictures. How do you think this story would be told differently if it was a novel, with only words? How would it be different if it was a movie, with just pictures?

When Battling Boy's father returns to send him on his rambling, Battling Boy isn't very excited to go. Why is Battling Boy reluctant to go rambling? What do you think he is afraid of?

In his battle with the Humbaba, Battling Boy calls on his father for help and desires to do so again when talking with the fox on page 165. Why does Battling Boy try to rely on his father? Why does his father want him to be more independent?

Do you think ramblings are a good idea? How would you turn children into powerful heroes?

Why do you think Aurora, Haggard West's daughter, becomes upset when she hears about Battling Boy on the news?

Of the twelve animal shirts Battling Boy has, which one would you want to go into battle with? Which one would you not want to go into battle with?

If you were a hero what powers and qualities (brave, responsible, cunning, etc.) would you want to have? What makes a good hero?

Why is it so important that the city show Battling Boy off and throw him a parade? What are they trying to accomplish by doing so?

When some of the monsters hear about Battling Boy they become worried. Why are the monsters afraid of him? Why is it important that they organize, as Sadisto suggests?

Battling Boy is unsure of himself and isn't sure what to do. He has never had to defeat monsters before. What do you think he should do? If you had his powers, what would you do?

What moment is Battling Boy's most heroic and why?

What do you think will happen next? What adventures are in store for Battling Boy and Aurora West?



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