

BAKE SALE – READING GROUP GUIDE



Book Description:

Cupcake's life is pretty good. He's got his bakery, and his band, and his best friend, Eggplant. His days are full of cooking, socializing, and playing music. But lately, Cupcake has been struggling in the kitchen. He's sure the solution to all his problems is out there somewhere. But maybe that solution is hiding closer to home.

At once deeply metaphorical and hilariously literal, *Bake Sale* is a story for anyone who's ever looked for an easy answer to life's intractable difficulties. It's also a cookbook: Varon includes seven delicious recipes, from classic cupcakes to sugared flower petals to marzipan.

For Discussion:

Bake Sale 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?

Make at least one of the recipes from this book. Is it delicious?

What effect does the protagonist being a cupcake have on the way this story is told? What effect does it have on your reading experience?

Is there something you feel passionate about like Cupcake does about baking? If you had to do it for ten hours a day, do you think it would get less interesting?

Cupcake makes a big sacrifice for Eggplant, giving up his visit to Turkey. Do you think you could do something like that for a friend in need?

Do you think Cupcake and Eggplant will win the baking contest?

If you lived in a world where everyone was a food, what kind of food would you be? What about your friends?

Do Cupcake's adventures with baking inspire you to bake yourself? Have you ever had a book inspire you to do something in the real world?