



BOOK DISCUSSION

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

1. If you could describe this book with one word, what would it be?
2. If you could ask the author one question, what would it be?
3. What do you think the author's message was, and how effectively did she convey it?
4. Which character did you most relate to and why?
5. Each of these characters --- animal and human --- need each other in a specific way, even if they don't realize this at first. What qualities bind these characters to each other? Are they connected by loss, grief or something else?
6. What was your favorite scene in the book, and why?
7. How did the setting of the book contribute to the story? Did it feel realistic to you?
8. How was the title significant to the book?
9. Marcellus is extremely smart -- smarter than any human he encounters. Have you had encounters with animals, octopuses or otherwise, who demonstrated surprising levels of intelligence, emotional or otherwise? Have you felt "seen" by an animal or felt a relationship with an animal deepen upon earning their trust?
10. Tova's Swedish Dala Horses are some of her most treasured possessions. Why do you think that is? Are there heirlooms in your family that carry a similar significance?
11. Did you learn anything new or gain a new perspective from reading this book? What's your one take away?
12. Would you recommend this book to others? Who would you recommend it to?