

QUITE A CHARACTER!

Title: Amber Brown is NOT a Crayon

Author: Paula Danziger

Character

Description

Amber

Justin

Brandi

Bobby

Fredrick

Hannah

Amber Brown is NOT a Crayon

By Paula Danziger

ICN Book Club Discussion Questions

Chapter 1: Beginning of the Book

- Look at the front and back covers of the book.
- What clues about the events in this story do you see?
- What information do we find on the Title Page?
- What is the dedication?
- How does Paula Danziger “hook” the readers in Chapter 1?
- Compare/contrast Amber’s class with your class.

Chapter 2:

- What does the word “amber” mean?
- Why does Bobby make fun of Amber’s name?
- Has anyone ever made fun of your name? How would you feel?

Chapter 3: Middle of the Book

- How do you like to eat Oreos?
- Why did Amber tell Mrs. Bradley that the house had ghosts and alligators in the toilets?
- What did Mrs. Bradley mean when she said, “That’s quite a bonus?”

Chapters 4 and 5:

- Amber actually wins the race to Justin’s house, but why do you think she doesn’t feel like a winner?
- What is funny about the M & M’s joke on page 40?
- Share your feelings with us about someone you knew who has moved away.

Chapter 6:

- Amber lists 3 things she hates more than fractions. What are they?
- What are the things you like the least?

Chapters 7 and 8:

- Why is the chewing gum ball so important to Amber?
- Why did Amber stop talking to Justin?
- Why did Amber consider Brandi for a new best friend?

Chapter 9: Ending of the Book

How did the story end?

Did you like the ending?

What did Amber do to make Justin laugh?

What were Justin's fears?

Why do you think Justin gave the chewing gum ball to Amber?

On a scale of 1 to 5 stars, how many stars would you give this book?

