

ATPE BOOK of the month CLUB

Chime by *Franny Billingsley*

1. The author has a unique, poetic form of writing. Find examples of language that she uses that you feel best exhibit her writing style.
2. Did you enjoy the book? What was your favorite part?
3. How did Briony's relationship with her father change throughout the book?
4. Briony "hates herself" and claims she is unable to feel like "a regular girl." She thinks: "I don't know much about certain feelings, like happiness. I have thoughts, of course, but thoughts stay in one's head. Thoughts don't feel."
5. What do you think is the significance of the Brownie creature?
6. Briony describes herself as incapable of love, yet she displays the opposite in her loyalty to her stepmother and Rose. Find examples of this falsehood (of her showing love).
7. Describe the evolution of Eldric and Briony's feelings toward each other.
8. After the trial, Briony describes Eldric as becoming "guarded." Why does she think his feelings about her have changed?
9. Briony is faced with changing her "brain paths" at the end of the book. How might this be a difficult task? Have you ever had any personal "brain paths" that needed changing?
10. Why did the author choose to include Leanne's character, and how did this affect the plot? How did her presence in the book help to solve the mystery of Briony's stepmother's death?



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