

ATPE BOOK of the month CLUB

Happyface by *Stephen Emond*

1. How do you feel about the author's style of writing? Do you think his choice to write and draw pictures in a journal was an effective way to tell Happyface's story?
2. Why do you think Happyface never draws a true picture of himself?
3. Describe Happyface's relationship with his brother. How does it evolve throughout the story?
4. Alcohol has a profound effect on Happyface's life. Describe in detail how it has affected Happyface and each of his family members.
5. What does Happyface's friendship with Mike help him discover about himself?
6. Mike tells Happyface: "You've got to put yourself first...it's more important than anything else." How do you feel about this statement and why?
7. Choose the character in the story with whom you most identify and explain why you chose that character.
8. If the author were to write a sequel to the book, describe the key events that you would like to see take place.
9. Why does Happyface decide not to share anything about his past with his new friends?
10. Put yourself in Mr. Molly's shoes and describe how you see Happyface as a student.

