



IMPOSSIBLE CREATURES

KATHERINE RUNDELL



BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The questions included here illuminate some of the important themes found in *Impossible Creatures* by Katherine Rundell. Perfect for use in English lessons, library sessions, assemblies, as part of story sessions or extra-curricular book clubs.

1. What was your impression of Mal at the start of the story? Did this change as you read on?
2. What three words would you use to describe Christopher? How do you think his character changes throughout the novel?
3. Would you want to be a Guardian? Why or why not? What kind of skills or qualities do you think a Guardian needs?
4. On page 169, Naravirala says, 'do not wait for people to be faultless before you allow yourself to adore them. Adore them anyway.' What do you think she means by this? Do you agree with her?
5. Would you rather have a flying coat, a casaparian or a Sphinx's tooth? Explain your answer!
6. Did any of the events in the book surprise or shock you? Why do you think the author included these events?
7. Do you see any parallels between the Archipelago and the real world?
8. What lessons do you think the book offers about the way humans should treat nature?
9. The Sphinx are very wise creatures. If you could ask Naravirala one question, what would you ask her?
10. On page 315, Naravirala says, 'great power must never reside in only one person. It must be shared.' What do you think she means by this? Do you agree? Why or why not?
11. How do you think Christopher describes Mal to his dad and grandad at the end of the novel?
12. Themes that run through the story include: the natural world, bravery, friendship, love, freedom and power. Can you order these themes from the one you think is the most important in the novel to the one you think is the least important? Can you think of any other themes that run through the novel?
13. If you could ask Katherine Rundell any question about the novel, what would you ask her?
14. The second adventure in the Impossible Creatures series, is called *The Poisoned King*. What do you think might happen in this story? Which characters do you hope to meet again?

Discover more about Katherine Rundell's books at: [bloomsbury.com/katherinerundellbooks](https://www.bloomsbury.com/katherinerundellbooks)

BLOOMSBURY

