

# The Littlest Bigfoot

## Reading Group Guide

### Book Summary

A tribe of Bigfoots known as the Yare live in the shadows of a deep forest to avoid humans—or No-Furs, as the Yare call them—for fear of being discovered and hunted. What happens when a curious Yare named Millie meets a lonely No-Fur girl named Alice? Alice promises to keep Millie’s secret, but a boy named Jeremy and his league of Bigfoot hunters are hot on their trail, and Millie and Alice must work together to protect the Yare.

### Questions for Discussion

1. How do you feel when Alice is tricked by Jessica and her friends? Have you ever been in a similar situation? Which side were you on? Looking back, how do you feel about it now?
2. The author has announced plans to write two more stories about Alice and Millie. Where do you imagine future books might take them? How do you think they will grow and change as they get older?
3. How are the Yare and No-Fur worlds different and how are they alike? Given the choice, which culture would you like to live in?
4. What do you think leads Millie and Alice to become friends? Do you think they would have been friends under different circumstances?
5. Why do you think Jeremy is so dedicated to finding Bigfoots in Standish after spotting a Bigfoot-like creature in the woods? If you were in his shoes and saw such a creature how would you react? Why?
6. How do you feel about Jeremy being neglected by his parents? Does that make you root for him? Does your view of him change over the course of the book? If so, why?
7. If you were in charge of the Yare community, what would you have done if faced with the threat of being discovered? Would you have moved? Sent spies? Or would you have done nothing? Why?
8. Do you think it is right of Millie’s parents to forbid her to sing? Whose side would you take: that of Millie or her parents? Why?
9. What do you think about Alice as she tries to go unnoticed early on in the book? Why do you think this changes after the Jessica Jarvis incident? Do you think that Millie helps Alice to feel better?
10. Were you happy with the ending? Why do you think each kid stated that he or she was a “freak”? Would you have joined them? If you could rewrite the ending what would you include?

### Enhance your Book Club

1. Can you think of your own Yare word (such as “top-lap” instead of “laptop”)? Spell it out, define it, and use it in a sentence, staying as close as possible to the Yare language used in the book.
2. Make a storyboard for your favorite chapter of the book. Draw the characters and write plotlines/summaries as if you were creating an outline for a *Littlest Bigfoot* TV show.
3. Write your “I’m a freak” statement, just as the characters do at the end of the book. Say something that sets you apart or that makes you different and unique.

### Test your *Littlest Bigfoot* knowledge!

1. What was the *Wizard of Oz* – inspired Name-Night present that Millie received?
  - a. Ruby red slippers
2. What special talent do Jeremy's parents believe that he has?
  - a. Playing music
3. What is one of Millie’s greatest wishes?
  - a. To be able to sing
4. Which character is a top-rated fencer?
  - a. Riya
5. What does Alice think that Millie is dressed as for Halloween?
  - a. Ewok
6. What is the word that The Experimental Center for Love and Learning uses in place of “students”?
  - a. Learners
7. In class Jeremy gives a presentation on what topic?
  - a. Bigfoots
8. What is the special Yare word that could mean anything from “love” or “peace” or “not right now”?
  - a. Nyebbeh
9. What word do the Yare use for “laptop”?
  - a. top-lap
10. What is Alice’s driver's name and what is his nickname for her?
  - a. Lee; Allie-cat

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