

Tree Huggers

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Discussion Questions:

Is it worth fighting for something you believe in even if you know you aren't going to win? Why or why not?

Alex takes inspiration from Julia Butterfly Hill and her book *The Legacy of Luna*. Have you ever been influenced or inspired by a book or someone in a book? How so?

Sabrina Light is a bully in this story. Name 3 different strategies that Alex used to try to deal with Sabrina. Which of these strategies was the least effective? Why? Which of these strategies was the most effective? Why? How has bullying impacted you? What strategies have you tried or witnessed other people trying that have been successful or unsuccessful? Why do you think some work better than others?

Which character are you the most like? Why? Which character are you the least like? Why?

What are some specific examples from the book that show that Alex cares about Luna?

How did Alex change from the beginning to the end of the book?

What kind of a friend was Kathy to Alex in this book? Support your opinion with at least two events from the book.

The question is asked whether trees have souls. What do you think? Why?

Did you understand or agree with the landlords who wanted the trees to be cut down? Did they have a right to have the trees removed? Which is more important to you: sidewalk safety and the ability of the landlords to successfully run their businesses or the trees remaining?

What is civil disobedience? What role does it play in the book? Do you believe it is acceptable to use civil disobedience? Why or why not?

How did the presence of the news reporter and camera impact the events of the story? How do you feel about the way the media can influence the events in our lives? Is this a positive or a negative and why?

Which 2-3 characters do you believe were the most important in helping to save Luna? Why did you choose them?