

# DEAR CANADA

## Discussion Guide

### All Fall Down

#### The Landslide Diary of Abby Roberts

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1. Has a bully or insensitive person ever picked on someone in your own family? If you were there, what did you do about it? If you'd had time to think more about the situation, would you change what you did?
2. Were you surprised that Mother was so calm when she heard the news that Abby's father had died in a construction accident? What in her behaviour most struck you as unusual?
3. When Abby sees her mother crying in the kitchen, she tiptoes out so Mother won't know she was there. What might you have done?
4. Try sending a message in Morse Code to a friend (use the chart in the book) and see if your friend can decode the message.
5. Why do you think Mother held back telling Abby about her background? Was it a good decision on Mother's part?
6. Have you ever let a secret out and wished you could take it back? What situation or emotion made you let it out? How did you feel afterward?
7. What might make Abby more (or less) likely to believe what Bird says about the mountain "walking"?
8. Have you or anyone you know ever experienced a disaster? Do you think, in the middle of a disaster, you would be frozen, or take action?