

# LIKE A DUCK

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## Discussion Questions

- 1 For over two years, Sarah's been writing daily letters to her father and dropping them in the mailbox, knowing they'll never reach him? Why do you think she does this?
- 2 In the book, Sarah says: "Be like a duck. It's good advice for all of us. And not just for swimming." What do you think she means by this? Can you think of situations in your own life where it might be helpful to "be like a duck"?
- 3 If you could have any emotionally supportive pet in the world, what species would you choose? And why?
- 4 How do you keep calm when you're feeling stressed?
- 5 In the book, Sarah compares her mother to an elephant (steady, strong and loyal) and her father to a shark (fearless, solitary and restless), while she strives to be like a duck (calm on the outside while paddling furiously inside). What animal best describes you and why?
- 6 Many of the characters in the story are collectors of things, from troll dolls and snakeskins to elephants and teaspoons. If you could have a collection of anything in the world, what would it be?



## Activities

- 1 Write a biography like the author's at the back of the book: "7 Things People Should Know about YOU."
- 2 Make a lost duck (or other lost pet) poster.



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