

DEAR CANADA

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Brothers Far From Home **The World War I Diary of Eliza Bates** By Jean Little

1. Why do you think Eliza is particularly fond of Hugo?
2. Do you think it's true that people notice your weak moments and never your strong ones?
3. Why would Eliza's father frown on dancing and playing cards on Sundays?
4. Why do you think Eliza dislikes being a "preacher's kid"? What unique pressures do you think she might face as a result?
5. Why would Dr. Webb reject Eliza's father and insist that there is no God?
6. What was Richard going to do when Eliza found him? How did she reach out to him? Why doesn't she tell the Webbs what happened?
7. Eliza says that perhaps Jack has scars inside as well as outside. What kinds of scars does he bear?
8. Does Eliza do the right thing in telling her mother Jack's secrets? Why or why not?
9. What does Eliza mean when she says that, for them, the war will never be over?