

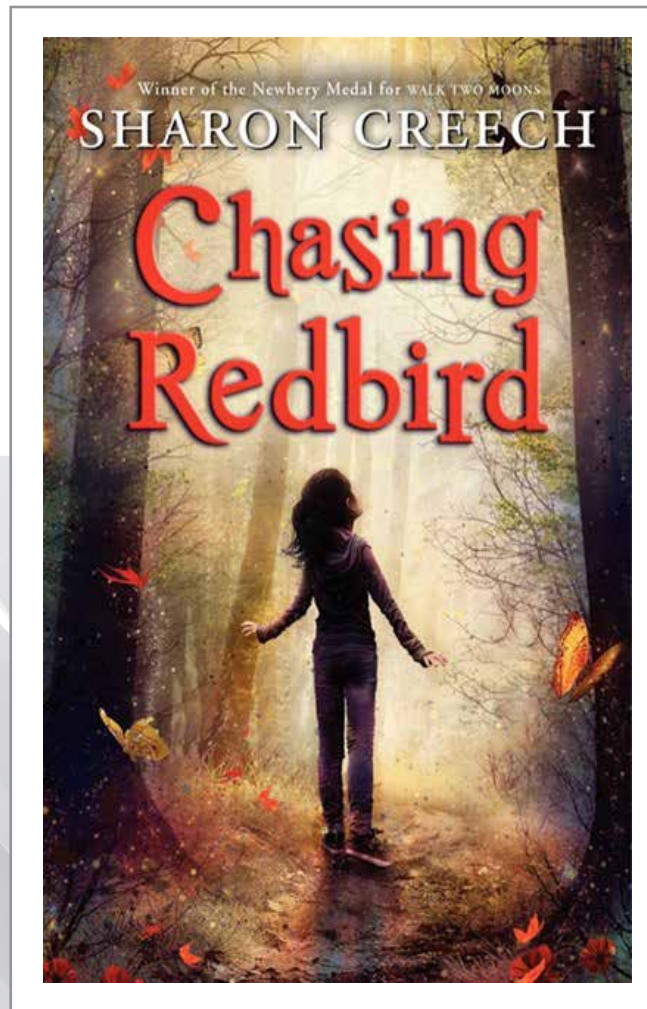


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GRADES 6-8

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Clue Search

Directions: Collect information about the book for each of the items. Write the information down and then make some predictions for the book.

Information Source	Information Provided
Dedication	
Title	
Cover Illustration	
Teasers on the book cover or in the book jacket	
Friends' recommendations	
Reviewers' recommendations/awards won	

Your predictions for the book:

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23. What does Zinny find in the cabin?
24. What is in the little black box on the shelf?
25. What does Zinny fear after she notices Uncle Nate's body jerk and convulse?
26. What does Uncle Nate say before he falls silent?

Chapters 43-46, "Drawers" to "The Chase"

1. What does Zinny find in the top drawer of the dresser?
2. What startles Zinny when she opens the bottom drawer?
3. What does Zinny find in the hands of the dolls when she touches them?
4. Where did Rose and Zinny get their medallions?
5. What did Zinny do with Rose's medallion after Rose died? What did Zinny do with her own medallion?
6. What wakes Uncle Nate?
7. Where is the final stone of the trail unearthed?
8. How does Zinny mark the trail?
9. What punishment is given to Zinny and Jake by the sheriff?
10. Why does Uncle Nate tell Zinny to bring the pictures down from the cabin?
11. Do the pictures taken by Zinny prove that she saw Aunt Jessie on the trail?
12. What excites Ben when he looks in his squirt garden?
13. How did the chicory really get in Ben's garden?
14. What is the "good" meatball that Zinny receives in the mail?
15. To whom does Zinny give her flints, arrowheads, and fossils?
16. Does Zinny really like Jake?
17. Who had Jake invited to the movies?
18. Why does Zinny still go to the cabin?
19. Does Jake like Zinny or May?
20. What does Zinny do with the Rose and Zinny dolls?

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Activity #11 • Vocabulary
Chapters 38-42

loopy (213)

lumbering (215)

peppered (217)

menacing (221)

earnest (237)

ravine (213)

devouring (215)

hefty (218)

significant (225)

pinning (238)

casting (214)

snared (215)

demented (220)

overcast (229)

convulsed (240)

snout (214)

terrain (216)

scavenging (220)

revive (236)

Directions: At the top of each column, write the name of a major character from *Chasing Redbird*. Then sort the vocabulary words according to which character they bring to mind. You may list some words under more than one character. Be creative.

Name _____

Cause/Effect Chart

Directions: Make a flow chart to show three decisions Zinny made and the results of each.

