Book Club Discussion Questions

One in a Hundred Thousand – Linni Ingemundsen

- 1. Had you heard of Silver–Russell Syndrome before reading One in a Hundred Thousand? How does it affect Sander's life? Is he treated differently by people because of it?
- 2. Compare and contrast what we hear about Old Kaland, and what we know about Vermund. How did you feel when you discovered they were the same person?
- 3. Some of the things Vermund chooses to do seem eccentric to his neighbours. Why do you think he does these things irrespective of what other people think?
- 4. Think about Sander and his brothers, and other sibling groups you know in real life. How do you think birth order influences individual personalities and family dynamics? How do you think Sander's SRS plays into this?
- 5. Look at pages 138–140. What do you think about the way in while Niklas talks about his relationship with Sofia? Why do you think this provokes Sander? What other things does Niklas do that irritate Sander?
- 6. Sander loves photography, but doesn't seem to like Instagram and is resistant to include it in his school project. Why do you think this is? How has Instagram changed the way people take photos? Is this for the better or worse?
- 7. What do you think Sander and Sofia's different attitudes towards their shared science project say about their personalities? Which one are you most like?
- 8. Sander is the least keen on Niklas at the start of the novel, but ultimately is the one who picks up on the problems he's having at home. Why do you think he notices things that others might not? Can you go back through the novel and identify any clues that indicate that Niklas is having problems at home?
- 9. Think about the title of the novel. How does Sander feel about being one in a hundred thousand? Has this changed by the end?

