

Always ANGEL

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Book Club Questions KS3

1. Why do you think baking is so important to Angel? Do you think it becomes more or less important to her after she enters foster care? Why might this be?
2. Angel often reacts quickly with anger. Why do you think this is? How do her past experiences shape the way she responds to people and situations?
3. Angel is added to group chats such as "8JDE is da best" and "8JDE VIP". Do you think these group chats help or hurt her ability to make friends in her new class? Why do you think this is?
4. On page 42, Angel's mum says, "Isla needed a room and it made sense for her to move in as my housemate." Can you think of three reasons why Angel might find this news upsetting?
5. On page 73, Tiana gives Angel the first "Abbotsfield High Worst Award" for being the "naughtiest student this school has ever seen". How do you think Angel feels about receiving this award? Why do you think she accepts it?
6. Angel is constantly getting into trouble throughout the novel. Why, then, is she so upset to see her name on Mr Watson's "Student watch list" on page 99?
7. On page 116, Angel offers to hide Tiana's stash of sweets to keep her out of trouble. Why do you think Angel does this? Do you think it was the right choice? Why or why not?
8. On page 190, Amy and Teniola give Tiana "The Worst Friend Award". Do you think this was a fair thing for them to do? Why or why not? How else do you think they could have put a stop to Tiana's hurtful behaviour?
9. Can you think of three moments in the book where an adult (such as Mr Simpson or Helen and Dennis) supports Angel through a difficult situation?
10. Identify three major themes in this novel, such as friendship or belonging. How does the author develop these themes? How do they affect Angel throughout the story?

