



Discussion Questions

1. What did you know about surrogacy before reading this book? What did you learn about it from Aidan's story?
2. What do you think about the title of this book? Does it fit the story?
3. "I'm not into all the things that you're supposed to be into, I mean, if you're gay...Like on *Queer Eye*, where they're all so well-dressed and loud and over-the-top and all air-kissing and stuff....And I'm into sport. Like, can you be gay and into sport?" How do stereotypes affect the way Aidan sees himself and his sexuality? How do they affect the way people treat him and Jack?
4. When Aidan asks Jack if he's gay, he sends him a text. Why do you think he might do this, instead of talking face to face?
5. Jack says, "I don't get why some things are supposed to be okay for girls and not for boys, or the other way round." Can you think of some examples of things people say are only for one gender? Do you agree?
6. How does running help Aidan cope with his emotions? Do you have something that helps you when you feel overwhelmed?
7. Not everyone in *Just Like Everyone Else* is as accepting as Aidan's friends and family. Why do you think it's important to include characters like Mr and Mrs Evans in a story like this?
8. How does growing up in such a big family affect Aidan? Do you think it makes a difference that he is the only boy?
9. At the end of *Just Like Everyone Else*, Aidan comments that Justin, Atif and baby Faiz "look like a family". What does the idea of family mean to you? How are different ideas of family explored in this book?
10. There are a lot of brave characters in *Just Like Everyone Else*. What do you think is the bravest action in the story, and why?