

# YA Book Club

## Discussion notes

# BAD INFLUENCE

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1. Why do you think Amelia didn't want Hannah to know she was being bullied?
2. Amelia has a complicated relationship with her dad's new girlfriend, Selina. Even though she doesn't dislike Selina, Amelia feels like she must 'freeze her out', especially when she's around her sister Hannah. Why do you think this is?
3. How does Evan gain Amelia's trust over the course of the book?
4. Why do you think Amelia feels pressure to make Evan happy, despite not wanting to do what he asks?
5. After everyone discovers Amelia's photo, everyone has different reactions ranging from anger to empathy. Whose reaction do you relate to the most?
6. When Amelia is ranked at the bottom of 'The List', she realises that she must do something to get out of last place. Do you think this clouded her judgement and if so, why?
7. As Amelia and Evan's friendship grows, it becomes clear that Evan wants nobody to know he's friends with her. Do you think this is right or wrong? Why?
8. Nisha reminds Amelia that if Evan really likes her, he would like her at school in front of his friends. Why do you think Amelia doesn't listen to Nisha?
9. Why do you think Amelia tries to paint Evan in a more favourable way than he deserves?
10. In your opinion, what is the biggest lesson learned from this story?