

YA Book Club

Discussion notes

BROKEN HEARTS ZOMBIE PARTS

WILLIAM HUSSEY



1. What does this story tell us about body image issues in the LGBTQ+ community?
2. Are there any examples of symbolism used throughout this story that you noticed?
3. Even though Jesse was accepted by his family when he told them he was gay, not every character had that experience. How do you think this could've impacted the decisions made by various characters in the story?
4. What did this story teach us about confronting fears and experiencing big life transitions?
5. Jesse often uses humour as a coping mechanism for his feelings. Why do you think this is?
6. Why do you think Jesse, Cas and Morgan felt they needed to keep secrets from each other?
7. If you are familiar with the author, William Hussey, how do you think Broken Hearts and Zombie Parts was different from his previous works Hideous Beauty and The Outrage?
8. How did the group dynamics between Jesse, Cas and Morgan evolve throughout the story?
9. Often when creating art, artists are inspired by what they observe in real life. Do you agree with Jesse and the notion that Louis sold out his family simply for 'good material'?
10. Did you see yourself in any of the characters in this story? If so, which characters and why?