



THE TROUBLE WITH GOATS AND SHEEP

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1. The book's activities take place in a small cul-de-sac. What is their sense of community? Are they a strong community?
2. We find out that Mrs Creasy knew the secrets of many of the neighbours - why do you think many confided in her?
3. Tilly and Grace were best of friends. What made them such close friends? Was Grace always kind to Tilly?
4. Half way through the book we read the passage that refers to Goats and Sheep - what do you make of Grace and Tilly's interpretation of the passage? Who is a goat and sheep in the avenue?
5. Walter Bishop was excluded from the neighbourhood. Why? What would it have taken to prevent him being bullied?
6. Why do you think Joanna set the book in the heatwave of 1976? How did the weather affect the book?
7. Each chapter was written from a different neighbour's viewpoint - how do you think this added to the book? How did it influence your opinion on characters like Walter Bishop?

8. The book discusses the need to belong - what is your opinion on that? Is belonging important to you and if so, how do you find that?
9. Why do you think the book was written from the perspective of a child?

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