

SKELETON TREE DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Stanly's best friend, Jaxon, has a highly logical way of seeing the world. Stanly, on the other hand, is more open to possibilities, and Miren instantly accepts and befriends the skeleton. If you encountered a skeleton growing in your backyard, how would you react? Like Stanly, Jaxon or Miren?

Why do you think that only children and certain adults, like Ms. Francine, can see the skeleton?

Throughout the story, Ms. Francine shares many pieces of wisdom and advice. What is your favorite?

Why do you think Miren names the skeleton Princy? What would you have named him?

At the end of the story, Stanly isn't sure whether the skeleton coming into his life was good, bad or something in between. What do you think?

How do the actions of Stanly's father in the end of the book change Stanly's view of himself and what it means to be a family?

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