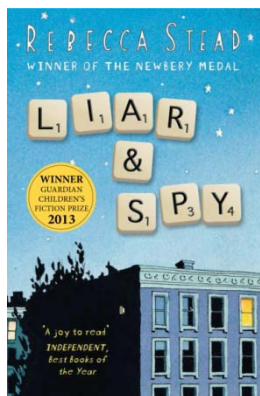


TALKING POINTS

CILIP Carnegie Medal Shortlist 2014



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Children's Book
Awards



Liar & Spy By Rebecca Stead

The story

Why does Safer lie about Mr X?

How does Georges feel when he discovers Safer has been lying to him?

As you read *Liar & Spy*, were you able to predict what was going to happen next, or was the plot unexpected?

Over the course of the book, how does Safer help Georges?

And how does Georges help Safer?

The characters

How do each of these characters help Georges to understand life better?

- Candy
- Dallas
- Mom

How are the characters of Safer and Georges different? How are they alike?

Does meeting Safer's family help Georges to understand why he's the way he is?

How the story is told

The story is told in the first person, in Georges's own voice – why do you think the author chose to tell it like this?



Some themes

What's the significance of:

- Sir Ott and “the big picture”?
- The Blue Team?
- The messages written in Scrabble tiles?

A lot of this book is set in school lessons, but some of the most important things Georges learns he learns outside the classroom. What lessons do you think he has learned by the end of the book? And has Safer learned some important lessons, too?

Interrupting Cow, who?

