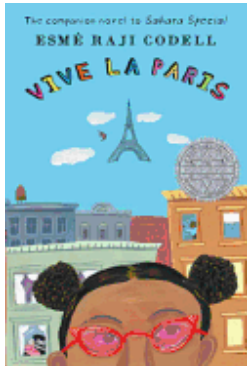




ELPL Lit Kits Jr.



Vive La Paris by Esmé Raji Codell

Paris has just come for piano lessons--not free advice. But when old Mrs. Rose gives her a little bit more than she can handle, Paris begins to understand the bully in her brother's life, in this companion novel to the award-winning "Sahara Special."

About the Author: Esmé Raji Codell is a teacher and librarian and the author of many award-winning books for children. Even though she has already graduated from preschool, she still loves puppets, sharing, friends, snacks, and the occasional dinosaur. She lives with her family in Chicago, Illinois. You can find more story-time fun and support for your child's precious preschool years at her website.

General Discussion Questions:

1. What is the significance of the title? Would you have given the book a different title? If yes, what is your title?
2. What were the themes of the book? Do you feel they were adequately explored? Were they brought to life in a cliché or in a unique manner?
3. What did you think of the structure and style of the writing?
4. What scene was the most pivotal for the book? How do you think the story would have changed had that scene not taken place?
5. What scene resonated most with you personally in either a positive or negative way? Why?
6. Has anything ever happened to you similar to what happened in the book? How did you react to it differently?
7. What surprised you the most about the book?

8. Were there any notable racial, cultural, traditions, gender, sexuality or socioeconomic factors at play in the book? If so, what? How did it effect the characters? Do you think they were realistically portrayed?
9. How important is the setting & time period to the story? How would it have played out differently in a different setting? What about a different time period?
10. Were there any particular quotes that stood out to you? Why?