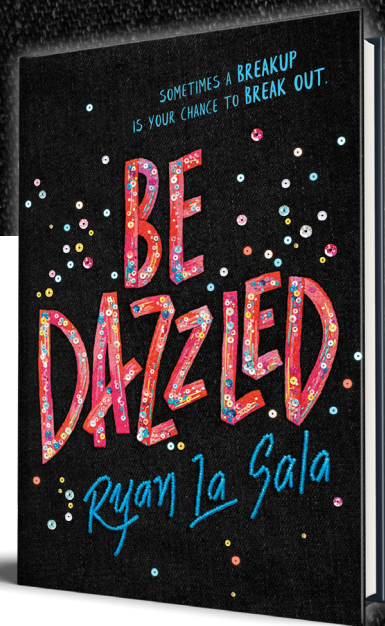


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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How are Raffy and Luca similar? How are they different? Do their similarities and differences make their relationship more or less difficult?
2. What pressures did Raffy face in the story? What about Luca? How did each character respond to those pressures? How did that change throughout the novel?
3. Have you ever done cosplay or been to a convention like Controverse? If so, what did you enjoy about it?
4. How would you describe Raffy's mom Evie? Do you think Evie should have done something different to be more supportive of Raffy's interests?
5. Do you think Raffy and Luca make a good team? How does their ability to work together change over time?
6. How does the book engage with and challenge the idea of what makes something art? What are the characters' understandings of art? Do you think cosplay is art?
7. Raffy decides to partner with Luca for a chance to win Trip-C rather than go to the meeting with Evie. What would you have done if you were in Raffy's shoes? Which opportunity would you have pursued? Have you ever had to put aside differences in order to work with someone?
8. Let's discuss reality television. How does the reality television aspect impact the competition? Do you think the book accurately depicts the nature of a reality TV competition?
9. This book is told from Raffy's perspective. Is there another character whose point of view you would have been interested to read? How do you think that would have made the book different?
10. Who was your favorite character in the book? What do you think happens to them after the story ends?