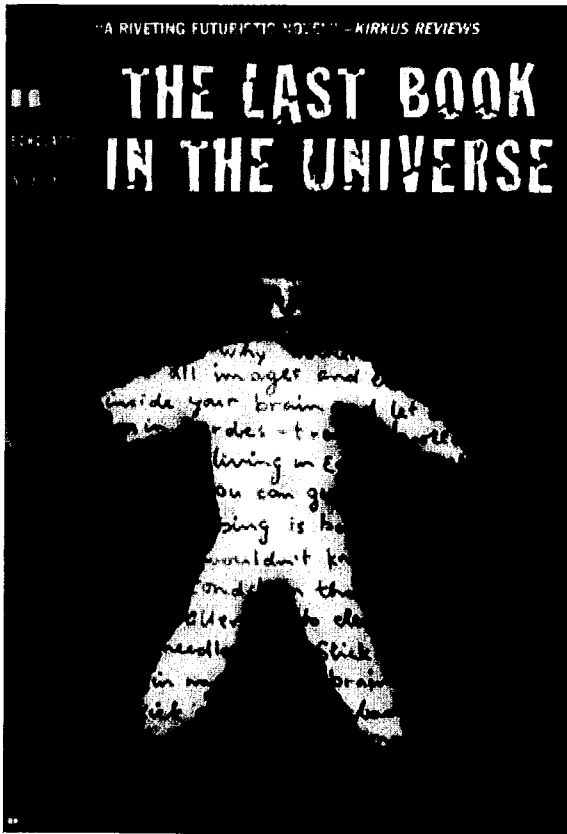


The Last Book in the Universe Grade 8 Summer Reading 2019



I used to belong to a family unit, with a foster mother and dad and my little sister, Bean, but that's over and I don't want to talk about what happened or how unfair it was. Not yet, the less said about that, the better, because if there's one thing I learned from Ryter it's that you can't always be looking backward or something will hit you from the front. - Spaz

The world has collapsed and is run by murderous gangs. Spaz, a young man living in a "latch" controlled by Billy Bizmo and the Bangers, is ordered to steal everything from an old man... and he does. But this sets up events beyond what any of them could have imagined.

Guided Reading Questions

Use these questions as a form of note taking. We will convert some answers into complete sentences as a class.

Chapter One: They Call Me Spaz: How far in the future do you think this story takes place? What makes you think so?

Chapter Two: Stealing Is My Job: What item does Ryter say is nothing of value? Why? _____

Chapter Three: Those Who Remember: How does Spaz feel when he rips off Ryter? Why do you think he feels this way?

Chapter Four: The Girl with the Sky-Colored Eyes?: What is a proof and what is the name of the one that Spaz meets?

Chapter Five: Three Rules for Billy Bizmo: After reading this chapter, describe the Bully Bangers and Billy Bizmo.

Chapter Six: The Thing about Bean: Describe the story that Ryter gets Spaz to tell him. _____

Chapter Seven: All News is Bad News: What greets Spaz back at his crypt and what news does he bring?

Chapter Eight: The Smell of Lightning: Who saves Spaz? Why does the old man offer to take him to Bean? _____

Chapter Nine: By the Edge We Travel, By the Edge We Live or Die: Describe what the pipe is and was.

Chapter Ten: Attack of the Monkey Boys: Who swarms in and surrounds them? Why? _____

Chapter Eleven: Mongo the Magnificent: Why is it a good sign when Ryter, Spaz and Little Face pass the stinking and starving prisoners? _____

Chapter Twelve: The Problem with Looping: What connections can you make between Looping and events in today's world? _____

Chapter Thirteen: Miles to Go before We Sleep: What is the most important thing the travelers have learned so far?

Chapter Fourteen: Fair Maidens Must Be Rescued: Who rescues them and what happens to Ryter? _____

What do you think the people of this latch are rebelling against? _____

Chapter Fifteen: In the Zone: What are they riding through and how do they avoid the danger? _____

Chapter Sixteen: In the Latch of the Vandal Queen: Lotti has many names – what does each one represent?

Chapter Seventeen: Looking for Probes in All the Wrong Places: Describe Traderville. What might it remind the reader of today's society? How and why? _____

Chapter Eighteen: Mark of the Assassin: Where do they find that all the probes actually come from? _____

Chapter Nineteen: Spaz Boy Melts in the Rain: What happens as they get closer and closer to Spaz's home?

Chapter Twenty: What Bean Believed: What did Bean believe about Eden? _____

Chapter Twenty One: A Sleep Like Death: What has happened to Bean? _____

Chapter Twenty Two: Their Terrible Swift Engines: Why is Charly against taking Bean to Eden, and what does Kay say to Charly that convinces him to let her go? _____

Chapter Twenty Three: If the World Were Blue: Describe Eden. What does Eden have that the Urbs don't?

Chapter Twenty Four: What the Cyber Said: Why are they not able to treat Bean's leukemia? _____

Chapter Twenty Five: Thinking About the Future: What is Jin shocked to hear from Ryter? _____

What does Spaz say would be a good way to wipe out the norms? _____

Chapter Twenty Six: The Bean is Back: Why does Bean say the beauty may as well be a holoscope? _____

Chapter Twenty Seven: What the Boy Said: What are the two important things that happened on their 7th day in Eden? _____

Chapter Twenty Eight: When They Come For Us in the Apple Trees: What does Bean say about Ryter's book? What do you think she means? _____

Chapter Twenty Nine: Say Good-Bye to Eden: Why do you think the proovs send Ryter and Spaz back home? _____

Explain your answer and how you came to your decision. _____

Chapter Thirty: The Sound of Jetbikes: Why is Spaz so sad and what does Ryter say to cheer him up? _____

Chapter Thirty One: Fear Itself: What does Billy tell Spaz that so surprises him? _____

Chapter Thirty Two: The Last Book in the Universe: What do you think it means for someone to be the last book in the universe? _____