








YOU THROW LIKE A *girl*

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

-  How would you describe Gabby? In what ways is she like you? In what ways is she different?
-  What character in the book are you the most like? Explain why you chose this character using specific examples from the book and your life.
-  What character would you most likely be friends with? Explain why, using specific examples from the book.
-  What motivated Gabby to play baseball? What about the pageant? List all the reasons and then comment about whether or not you agree with each of the reasons.
-  Why do you think Gabby agreed to do the pageant? Do you agree with her reasoning?
-  Do you think Gabby should have lied about being a boy to play baseball? Why or why not?
-  Gabby promised to her dad that she'd play in the championship game, and she felt like she had to follow through on that promise. Do you agree? Why or why not?
-  Can you describe a time when you made a promise to someone that you felt like you couldn't back out on? How did it make you feel? What was the result?
-  How were Gabby and her mom different? How were they alike?
-  Gabby felt like she had to tell the truth in front of everyone at the baseball game. Why do you think she chose to do it there?
-  In what different ways did Gabby hide things? How did it affect her? What other characters also hid things?
-  Can you describe a time when you hid something because you were afraid of how others might view you? How did it make you feel? What was the result?
-  What was motivating Jessa? Why did she act the way that she did?
-  What was Gabby's relationship with her parents like? Explain, using specific examples from the book to support your view for both her mom and dad.
- How does Gabby change throughout the book? What makes her change?

-  What challenges did Gabby overcome by the end of the book? What did she learn from these challenges?
-  Who are the secondary characters in the book? Identify a minimum of three and discuss why they are important to the story.
-  *You Throw Like a Girl* is told from Gabby's point of view. How does that help add to the story? How would the story be different if it had been told in a different character's POV? Select another character and discuss the changes to the story if he/she had told it. Gabby is willing to do anything to make her dream a reality. Have you ever had a dream that you felt the same way about?
-  What do you think happened beyond the last chapter? Predict what happens next.
-  Books are often read for fun, but sometimes we discover that books can teach us things. What can *You Throw Like a Girl* teach you?

