

The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket Book Club

1. What do you think of the narration, is it 1st or 3rd person?
2. Is it helpful when the narrator defines the words within the story?
3. What do you think of Violet?
4. What do you think of Klaus?
5. Does Sunny have a clear personality?
6. Does it seem odd that his first thought when he hears that his parents died in a fire that burned their house down is that he won't be able to read the thousands of books in the library?
7. Did the time living at the Poes seem odd?
8. Why do you think that Violet believed they would be living in Justice Strauss's nice house?
9. What do you think of Count Olaf?
10. Why do you think that all three children have to share one room in a rather large house?
11. What did you think of the dinner fiasco?
12. Why don't the children let the judge know when the abuse rose to the physical level?
13. Did you suspect that Count Olaf was up to no good when he told Violet that she had to be in play where she should pretend to marry him?
14. Why do you think Justice Strauss would be starstruck about being in a play with the creepy guy from next door?
15. Was it silly of Klaus to tell Count Olaf that he figured out his plan to get Violet's money through marriage?
16. What kind of monster keeps a baby hostage to force a fourteen year old girl to marry him?
17. Were you surprised that Violet's grappling hook was caught by the man with the hook hand?
18. Do the walkie talkies seem odd?
19. Does the book feel like it's set in the modern world?
20. Why do you think Violet signed her real name?
21. Was the trick with using her left hand a good one?
22. Did you hope the children could stay with Justice Strauss?
23. Did you like the book?
24. Would you read more in the series?