

QUESTIONS ABOUT  
*THE HEN WHO DREAMED SHE COULD FLY*  
Part 2

Sun-mi Hwang imagines a laying hen, who wants to be a mother but raises a duck. The questions below cover the last part of the book, from page 73 to the end.

CERTAINLY A DUCK

1. Why do the ducks want Sprout to stay in the barn? What does she think will happen if she does?
2. Would Sprout have refused to sit on the egg if she'd known it was a duck egg?
3. What happens to her baby, when he runs on the lily pads? What does he learn?
4. What does Sprout do when the ducks' leader tries to persuade her to let them raise her baby?
5. Why does Sprout move away from the reeds? Is her hunch right?

JOINING THE BRACE

6. What name does Sprout give her growing baby?
7. How does Sprout avoid the weasel after she leaves the reeds?
8. One day the weasel finds them. What happens next? How does Greentop escape?
9. Greentop and Sprout are both lonely. What is Greentop's solution? Is it a good solution?
10. Sprout and Greentop are different species and each of them sometimes compares her or his own deficiencies with the other's strengths. Do we usually compare our own or our culture's deficiencies with others' strengths or is it usually the other way around?

TRAVELLERS FROM ANOTHER WORLD

11. What happens to Greentop when he tries to live in the barn?
12. Why does the farmer's wife tie up Greentop?

13. When the weasel tries to attack, what does Sprout learn she has done to him?
14. Who raises the alarm when the weasel returns? Whom does he catch?
15. What does the farmer's wife try to do with Greentop? What does Sprout do? What is the result?
16. According to this book, what is more important than what family we belong to?
17. Greentop warns Sprout about the presence of several weasels. Why have so many weasels come?
18. Greentop experiences a new emotion, which he doesn't understand. What do you think is he experiencing?
19. When a flock of wild ducks appears at the reservoir, Sprout finally understands what Straggler had wanted. What is it?

#### THE BONE-WEARY ONE-EYED HUNTER

20. Why won't the other wild ducks accept Greentop?
21. Why can't the weasels catch the ducks in the winter?
22. Why does Greentop return to Sprout? What does Sprout use this visit to do?
23. Which ducks do the weasels kill? What suggestion does Sprout give Greentop as a result?
24. What does the barnyard ducks' leader think of the new Sprout? Does adversity usually destroy us or make us stronger?
25. What kind of babies does Sprout discover? Who is their mother?
26. In order to save Greentop, what bargain does Sprout make with the weasel?

#### ALOFT LIKE A FEATHER

27. Sprout and Greentop have to say final goodbyes before Greentop leaves with the other ducks. Have you ever had to say final goodbyes to someone? What were your feelings?
28. In the end, the weasel catches Sprout. How does she respond when it happens? Is she ready? Does life prepare us for death?