

QUESTIONS ABOUT  
*GWENDY'S BUTTON BOX*  
Part 2

This book is about a young girl named Gwendy, who is entrusted with a box with magical powers. She must learn to live with this box and to accept the obligations it confers upon her.

The questions below concern the chapters 8 to 20 consisting of pages 61 to 116.

Chapter 8

1. What does Frankie Stone do when Gwendy refuses to go for a ride with him?
2. What does she later dream about Frankie? What happens to him?

Chapter 9

3. Gwendy has a talk with herself before beginning tenth grade. What does she ask herself? What do you think the answer is?

Chapter 10

4. Harold Perkins tries to “feel her up.” What does this mean? What does “touchie-feelie” mean? Are they the same?
5. She takes a Morgan silver dollar to a coin shop. How much is it worth? Who does she think she sees afterwards?
6. She’s never pressed a button on the box, but she really wants to know what would happen if she did. She decides to press the red button. How does she decide what to wish for?

Chapter 11

7. What happens after she presses the button? Is she responsible?

Chapter 12

8. Olive is Wendy’s best friend, but she has ISSUES with Gwendy. What does this expression mean? What is the ISSUE? Is Olive’s criticism valid?

Chapter 13

9. Gwendy thinks Olive isn’t being fair and becomes angry with her. What happens to Olive? Is it Gwendy’s fault?

#### Chapter 14

10. The basement of Gwendy's home floods after a rainstorm, and Gwendy is terrified that the box might be damaged. Is she right? Where does she hide it next?

#### Chapter 15

11. Gwendy wants to go to an Ivy League university. What is an Ivy League University? How does she plan to pay for such an expensive education?

#### Chapter 16

12. Gwendy takes two Morgan silver dollars to a coin show, where she sees a Mickey Mantle baseball card selling for \$2900. What is a baseball card? Who was Mickey Mantle?
13. She meets a dealer named Jon Leonard. Where does she tell him her coins came from? How much does she sell them for?

#### Chapter 17

14. When she leaves the show, Frankie Stone and his friend try to molest her. Who comes to her aid? How does he scare away the boys? What is the significance of the phrase, "*Semper Fi*"?

#### Chapter 18

15. Why is Gwendy's friend Sally jealous of her? Is Gwendy happy with her success and power?

#### Chapter 19

16. When she turns seventeen, Gwendy feels the weight of the whole world on her shoulders because of the button box. What are some of the worldwide events she feels responsible for?

#### Chapter 20

17. Which of her friends commits suicide? Is Gwendy responsible?