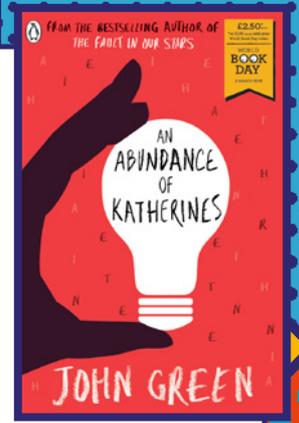


BOOK GROUP

READING NOTES



AN ABUNDANCE OF KATHERINES BY JOHN GREEN

Here are some key questions and discussion points about the book to get you started:

- Why do you think the author chose to use footnotes and write in the third person? Does it make you feel more or less connected to the story and characters? Did you see any similarities between Colin's approach to language and the author's?
- Colin searches, and eventually finds, the 'Eureka moment' in his Katherine theorem. Do you think this really is his Eureka moment? Or are there other events in the book which are just as, if not more, significant?
- Throughout, Colin expresses his desire to matter. Do you think it is important to matter and be special? How did Colin's attitude to 'mattering' change over the course of his journey?
- Do you like Hassan? Why? What role do you think Hassan plays in Colin's journey?
- Colin takes a mathematical approach to love. Do you think relationships can be predictable or quantified? And do you think Colin is right to take that approach?
- What is different about Colin's relationship with Lindsey, compared to his relationships with the Katherines?
- Lindsey struggles with her identity and being her true self. Which do you think is the 'real' Lindsey?
- Why might the author have only written dialogue, and no description, when Colin and Lindsey are in the cave together? How did this make you feel as the reader?
- Lindsey uses the analogy of constellations and stars in the sky to explain storytelling to Colin. How does the structure of the book reflect this idea?
- What do you think of the author's choice of setting – the town of Gutshot? How might it relate to Colin's feelings about himself?