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DISCUSSION GUIDE



Taco's mom always said, "Today is the best day of your life, and tomorrow will be even better." That was hard to believe the day she died of cancer and when Taco's dad had to move up north for work, but he sure did believe it when Maggie Corrigan agreed to go with him to junior prom. Taco loves Maggie—even more than the tacos that earned him his nickname. And she loves him right back.

Except, all that love? It gets Maggie pregnant. Everyone else may be freaking out, but Taco can't wait to have a real family again. He just has to figure out what it means to be a dad and how to pass calculus. And then there's getting Maggie's parents to like him. Because it would be so much easier for them to be together if he didn't have to climb the side of the Corrigan's house to see her...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Geoff Herbach's books have been listed in the year's best by YALSA, the American Booksellers Association, and many state library associations. They've won the Cybil and the Minnesota Book Award. Geoff grew up a very nerdy jock in southern Wisconsin and now teaches creative writing at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He is also the author of *Stupid Fast*, *Nothing Special*, *I'm with Stupid*, and *Gabe Johnson Takes Over*. Visit Geoff at GeoffHerbach.com.

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1. Why is Taco so positive?
2. Do you think his positivity is an accurate reflection of how he really feels?
3. Do you think Maggie got pregnant intentionally? Explain.
4. Why do you think Maggie's mom treats Maggie the way she does?
5. Why is Taco so obsessed with his dreams?
6. Why do you think Taco gets so upset about the boy in the Tweety Bird shirt?
7. Why does Taco have so much trouble staying out of the musical?
8. Do you think Nussbaum believes Taco can get money from the Corrigan's?
9. Why is Taco so interested in *The Lord of the Flies*?
10. Why do you think Nussbaum does what he does at the end?
11. Imagine Maggie's life in two years.
12. Imagine Taco's life in two years.