

Discussion Questions for *Not Nothing* by Gayle Forman

One Book for Nebraska Teens 2026

- What drew you to this book? (The cover; the topic; a book club choice?)
- If you could spend time with any character in the book, who would you choose, and why?
- What seem to be the reasons Josey completely stopped talking?
- Why do you suppose he started talking to Alex?
- In talking about part of his life, Joey mentions that when they first met, Olka had called him a bad name. And he told Alex no one should be remembered only by the worst thing they have ever done when they have also done many good things. Do you agree, and why or why not?
- Why did the lady from corporate want to move Josey to another room? Did her test do a good job of determining Josey's capabilities?
 - What should she have done to get a truer account of Josey's abilities?
- Who was your favorite character and why?
- Who was your least favorite character and why?
- Did anything surprise you as you read the book? What and why?
- Explore the title of the novel. Give several possible interpretations for it. Is it the title you would select for this book?