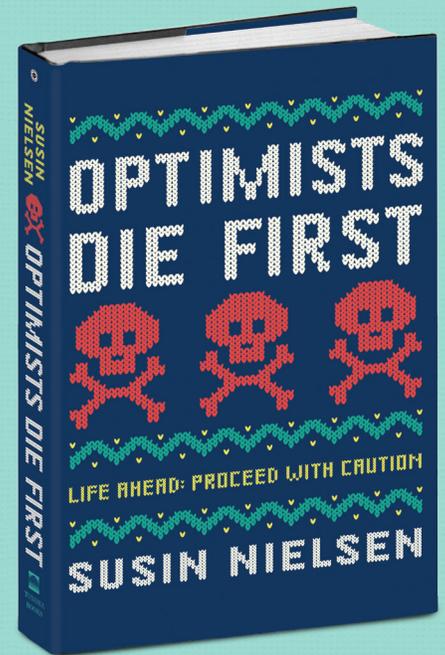


OPTIMISTS DIE FIRST

BOOK CLUB DISCUSSIONS

1. What do you think of the book's title? How does it relate to the book's contents? What other title might you choose?
2. If you could hear this same story from another person's point of view in *Optimists Die First*, who would you choose?
3. What did you like best about *Optimists Die First*?
4. Which characters in *Optimists Die First* did you like best?
5. Which characters in *Optimists Die First* did you like the least?
6. If you were making a movie of *Optimists Die First*, who would you cast?
7. Share a favorite quote from *Optimists Die First*. Why did this quote stand out?
8. What other books by Susin Nielsen have you read? How did they compare to this book?
9. If you got the chance to ask Susin Nielsen one question about *Optimists Die First*, what would it be?
10. *Optimists Die First* has different covers in North America and the UK. Which one do you like best?



UK version



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