

# WATER, WATER

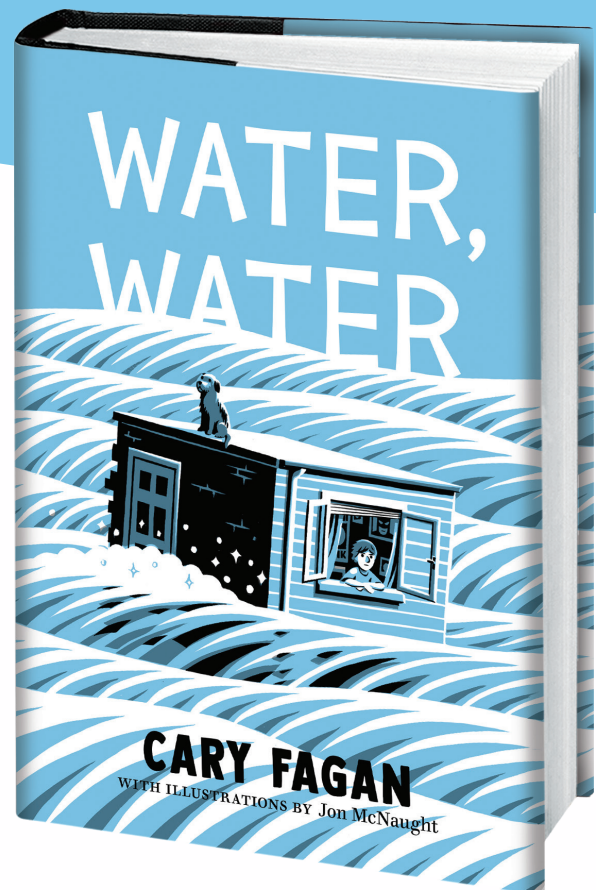
## BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION GUIDE

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you think of the book's title? What other title might you choose?
2. In the novel, Rafe has to be pretty resourceful and use some household objects in unusual ways. What do you think would be the most useful thing you could have in your room if you found yourself in Rafe's situation?
3. What are some of the themes in *Water, Water*? Which themes are the most resonant to you?
4. Dao is younger than Rafe but certainly proves herself. What would you say are the traits that Dao has that make her a good companion for Rafe?
5. Share a favorite passage from *Water, Water*. Why did this passage stand out to you?
6. Rafe and Dao's only form of entertainment is the book called *Conversations with a Rabbit*. If you had the chance to meet a talking animal, what kind of animal would it be and why?
7. Did any of the characters in the book remind you of someone you know?
8. The teenage pirates try to take Rafe and Dao's food from them. Do you think there are any circumstances where taking food that didn't belong to you would be justified?
9. If you were casting the movie of this book, who would you choose as the actors?
10. At the end of the book, the two characters find a community of others to join. Do you think they'll be better off or not? Do you think they should trust other people?

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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**CARY FAGAN'S** numerous kids' books include *The Collected Works of Gretchen Oyster* (a JLG selection), the Kaspar Snit novels, and the Wolfie & Fly chapter books. His picture books include *King Mouse* (finalist for the Governor General's Award) and *Bear Wants to Sing*. Cary has received the Vicky Metcalf Award for Literature for Young People for his body of work. He lives in Toronto.

### ABOUT THE ARTIST

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