

Discussion Questions

"The Words We Keep" by Erin Stewart

- What is the significance of the book's title? How is this title reflected, echoed, or portrayed throughout the book?
- What does this book state or explore about family? Can you relate to its portrayal of family? Why or why not?
- How does this book describe and explore asking for help. Is it hard for the main character, Lily, to ask for help?
- How does Micah and Lily's poetry/art project help the characters process their respective traumas?
- How do the three main characters, Lily, Alice, and Micah, develop from the beginning of the book to the end?
- What message do you think the author was trying to send throughout the book? Did she do a good job?
- Was there anything you felt was missing from the book?
- Did you have a favorite character? Were there any specific characters who spoke to you?
- If you had to, what one singular word would you use to describe this book?
- Would you recommend this book to others? Why or why not?