



Reshuffled

Real Stories of Hope and Resilience from Foster Care

Discussion Questions

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. The book opens with the quote, "I didn't grow up having role models. I grew up having people I didn't want to be like and seeing situations I'd never want to be in. Not all of us are dealt the right cards, but that does not mean you can't reshuffle the deck for a better outcome." What emotion does the quote evoke? Are there other quotes which stood out to you?
3. How do you feel social workers were portrayed in the book? What other types of people stood out as advocates for these youth? Some stories in the book are older than others. Do you think there has been advancement in social services policy and practice for helping children in crisis?
4. The authors tried to keep an authentic voice for each essay. Did this help connect you to the storyteller as a reader?
5. Did the bios and photographs at the end of each essay help to connect you with the essayist?
6. What did you like best about this book?
7. How different would these stories be if they were told from another point of view?
8. What have you learned about foster care, children in crisis, or social services?
9. What gaps do you wish the essays had filled in? Were there points where you thought they shared too much or not enough?
10. Which short story/essay impacted you the most and why?
11. The authors include a "Call to Action" at the end of the book. Has this book inspired you to become involved in helping families and children in crisis? Could you be a foster parent, coach, mentor, tutor, or CASA?