

Questions and Activities for after you've read Mackenzie's Last Run:

- If you were running away, what would you take with you?
- Do you think running away from home is ever a good idea? Why or why not?
- What is the one thing that would have made a positive difference to Mac's family after Dad died if only they'd done it?
- Do you think you'd like having a twin? Why or why not?
- Do you agree with the statement that MACKENZIE'S LAST RUN is not just about the survival of a boy but about the survival of a family? Why or why not?
- Name one thing Mac could have done differently that would have significantly altered the story.
- Is Mac the main character in this story? What about Tessa?
- How was music used in this novel?
- How important was the setting to this story?
- What would you do differently in Mac's place? Would you start a fire?
- Guilt plays a huge role in this story. Why does Tessa feel guilty? Why does Mom feel guilty?
- Can guilt ever be a good thing?
- If you knew Mac, do you think you'd want to be his friend? Why?
- Would you want to be Tessa's friend? Why?
- Do you think TJ was a good friend to Mac?
- If you were writing a survival story, where would you set it and why?
- Do you think the cover of the book gives a good sense of what the story is about? Why or why not?
- Design a different cover for the book that you think would be even better.