

# Garvey's Choice

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## Discuss

Talk through your thoughts.

- This book is a novel in verse. The author uses titles for each poem on each page of this story. Read only the *titles* of the poems, not the poems, with others. Talk about how this captures the storyline.
- Talk about how you feel when other people in your life have expectations of who you should be and how you should act.

## Create

Make an experience of your own.

- The author writes in the tanka form of poetry. Go to page 107 of the book and read more about it. Try writing your own five-line tanka poem. Think about themes from the book to create your poem and then share it with others.
- Friendship is an important part of the story. Talk with your friends about how you influence each other. Make friendship bracelets together using materials like old t-shirts, cardboard, or duct tape.

## Imagine

Use your imagination to explore.

- Imagine you are Garvey's friend. What activities could you do together?
- How do you visualize each character? Think about how each character talks and behaves in the story. Imagine what each character looks like and create character sketches using your own drawings or digital images.

## Explore

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