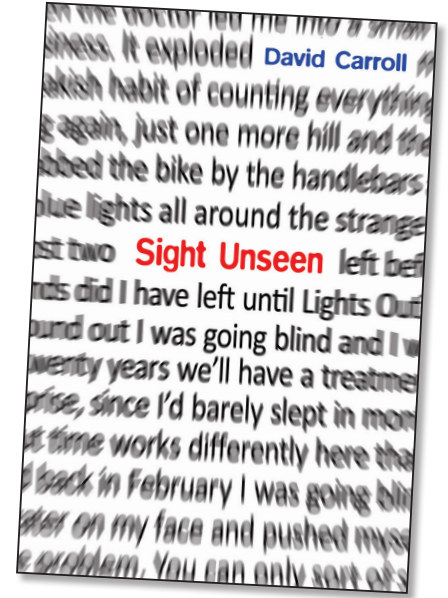


# Sight Unseen

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## Discussion Guide

1. Finn's disability wasn't immediately apparent to his family and friends. What other disabilities might not be noticeable at first?
2. "Vision is only one way of seeing; there are others." What do you think Constant meant by that? What are some other ways of seeing?
3. If you were told that you were losing your vision, how would you react? What would you most want to see or do, while you were still able?
4. Cheese and Tab have a difficult time believing Finn about Perpetuum. Would you have reacted the same way? How do you balance friendship and loyalty when you think a friend isn't telling the truth?
5. Throughout the book, Finn falls into arguments with Cheese and Tab. And yet, in the end, all three wind up risking their lives for each other. What do you think made their bonds of friendship so strong? Compare/contrast the relationships between Finn and Cheese and that of Finn and Tab.
6. The characters in *Sight Unseen* all make tough choices:
  - Finn leaves his family and friends to stay in Perpetuum permanently.
  - Tab and Cheese attempt to rescue Finn despite perilous conditions.
  - Constant gives up her dream and insists that Finn use the Glimmer Line instead of her.What, to you, was the most compelling decision in the book? Would you have made the same choice?
7. Have you ever wanted to stop time? What would you do if you had unlimited time? What top ten items would be on your "bucket list"?
8. Near the end of the book, Cheese lists a number of blind comic book characters. Why do you think so many blind superheroes—and literary characters—are blind?



9. Authors often use literary techniques to shift the setting or time of their story. Why do you think the author used the idea of a Glimmer Line in this novel?
10. Why do you think the author put Finn's Glimmer Line on a floating island? Why not in a Tim Hortons or somewhere more common? What magical transitional places or portals have you read about in other books?

**Before answering the following questions, listen to the audio clip at: [www.scholastic.ca/books/view/sight-unseen](http://www.scholastic.ca/books/view/sight-unseen).**

11. In the book, Cheese wears a yellow T-shirt for the bike ride to help Finn. In the interview clip, Kai suggests that the best way to approach someone with a disability is to ask "Is there anything I can do to help?" Have you ever been in a situation where you might have helped someone in need? Would you act differently now? Why or how?
12. Find an opportunity to ask "Is there anything I can do to help?" to a friend, a teacher or a family member. What happened? How did it make you feel?



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