



Commissioner's Book Club

Not Quite Narwhal

Discussion guide

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Art can help make things better in society. It can do this in many ways. One way is by showing people what's unfair in the world. Art can also help people understand each other better. When we read a story about someone's life, we can imagine what it's like to be them. Art can also be a way for people to stand up for what's right and to feel like we all belong.

We hope that both adults and children will engage with these books, and that caregivers find these discussion questions useful in initiating conversations with the young people in their lives:

- ★ Have you ever felt different from the people around you? What was that like?
- ★ What does it feel like when you belong?
- ★ How did the unicorns make Kelp feel welcome? What about the narwals?
- ★ How did Kelp show bravery in the story?
- ★ Do you think it's okay to be different from your friends or family? Why?
- ★ How can we help everyone feel like they belong?
- ★ If you could give Kelp a message, what would you say?