

## Discussion Guide: *AfterMath*

1. Why did Lucy's parents move to Queensland? Do you think their reasoning makes sense? Why or why not?
2. According to Lucy, how is her grief for Theo different from what her new classmates have gone through?
3. Why do you think so many kids immediately tell Lucy about their experiences of the shooting? Why does this shock Lucy?
4. Why is Lucy so curious about Bette, the girl who used to live in her house? What does she eventually learn about what Bette was actually like?
5. Why does Lucy like the math jokes that her dad leaves for her? What does this ritual show you about Lucy's relationship with her dad?
6. What does Lucy like about mime? How does it help her?
7. What are the limits of mime? What can it *not* do for Lucy?
8. Why do the other kids avoid Avery? How does this affect her?
9. Make a list of things that help Lucy express and deal with her feelings throughout the story. What activities help you work through difficult feelings?
10. Throughout the book, Lucy struggles to understand the concept of infinity. Name some examples of infinity that show up in the story.