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Chapter 1

1. In the beginning of Chapter 1 (page 1), what do you think Nya is going to get?
2. What is the official language of the Sudanese government?
3. What did the girls in the village do? How is it different than the boys?
4. Why did the teacher tell the boys to run into the bush and not to return to the village?
5. Why were the people from South Sudan fighting for independence from the North?

Chapter 2

1. What do you think happened in Chapter 1 and what do you think Salva will do now?
2. Which group did the rebel soldier tell Salva to go to?
3. Why do you think they left Salva?

Chapter 3

1. Why did Salva believe the group left him?
2. What tribe is Salva from?
3. What tribe did they often battle with and what did they fight over?
4. Who was Auntie & how did she help Salva?
5. Why did Auntie say Salva could not go with her?

Chapter 4

1. Who was Buksa?
2. Why were the boys happy to see a beehive?

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Chapter 5

1. Why did the Dinka & Nuer tribe often stop fighting during the dry season?
2. Who was Salva’s new friend? What did they have in common?
3. At this point in the story, how long have they been walking?
4. At the end of the chapter, why do you think Salva’s mouth fell open in amazement?

Chapter 6

1. Why did Nya’s mom hate the refugee camp?
2. What was Nya’s mom afraid of?
3. Who did Salva reunite with this chapter?
4. Why was Salva still sad even after seeing a family member?
5. Why did so many get sick after eating?
6. What do you think happened to Salva’s friend Marial?

Chapter 7

1. What is wrong with Nya’s sister, Akeer?
2. What is Nya’s family trying to decide?
3. What appeared to happen to Salva’s friend Marial?
4. Which river did the group have to cross and how were they going to get across it?

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Chapter 8

1. How did Nya’s sister, Akeer, get sick? Why did this worry her mother?
2. Define monotonous:
3. Why did the fishermen give Salva’s uncle food without him having to ask?
4. As the sun set, why did the fishermen abruptly go into their tents?
5. What was going to be the most difficult part of their journey? Why do you think so?

Chapter 9

1. Why do you think the visitors came to Nya’s village?
2. What part of Sudan was Salva’s village located?
3. Define parched:
4. What did his uncle do to keep Salva moving?
5. What happened to the group of people Salva & his group came upon in the desert?

Chapter 10

1. As they got closer to Ethiopia, what was troubling Salva?
2. What did Salva’s uncle believe happen to Salva’s family?
3. What gave Salva hope?
4. What happened to Salva’s uncle? Who was responsible for it?

Chapter 11

1. Why were they going to Ethiopia?
2. Now that his uncle was gone, how was the group treating Salva? How did this make him feel?
3. Why was the refugee camp mostly filled with young boys & men?
4. Do you think the woman that Salva saw is his mother?

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Chapter 12

1. What was the “giraffe?”
2. Was the woman in the orange headscarf Salva’s mother?
3. What did Salva decide to do to survive living in the refugee camp?
4. How long did Salva stay in the refugee camp?
5. Why did the people have to the leave the refugee camp?
6. What did the soldiers do when they came to the camp?
7. Why was the Gilo River dangerous?

Chapter 13

1. What happened to the people at the river bank? How many people died?
2. What did Salva decide to do?
3. How did Salva help the group that followed him?
4. How long did it take the boys to get to Kenya?

Chapter 14

1. In the year 2009, what problems are they still facing in Southern Sudan?
2. Why did Salva decide to leave the refugee camp in Kakuma?
3. Why was Salva disappointed when he reached the next refugee camp? What did he desperately want to do?
4. Who was Michael & what were the two things he taught Salva?

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Chapter 15

1. How did the boys from Sudan get the nickname “The Lost Boys?”
2. What U.S. city was Salva traveling to and how many planes did it take him to get there?

Chapter 16

1. What do you think Nya’s father is getting ready to build?
2. What did Salva hope to eventually do?
3. What was the exciting news Salva received this chapter?

Chapter 17

1. What are they building in Nya’s village? Why is this a good thing and why was Nya so excited?
2. How long had it been since Salva saw his father? Where was his mother?
3. Why did Salva’s father need stomach surgery?
4. How did Salva’s uncle’s advice still help him even after many years?
5. What do you think Salva’s plan is?

Chapter 18

1. How did Salva help Nya’s village?
2. How were Nya & Salva different?

*A Message From Salva Dut*

1. What are the two things that Salva said help him overcome difficulties in his life?
2. What advice does Salva give to young people?

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*Author’s Note*

1. How did the author of this book get her information?
2. What was the name of the war that was depicted in this book & when did it begin?
3. Who were the opposing sides and why were they fighting?
4. What were some of the things that happened to the *Lost Boys*?
5. What did the U.S. do in 2002?
6. What happened in 2005?
7. Define autonomy:
8. What occurred in 2011?
9. What has brought much suffering to the people of Sudan?
10. What has happened to Salva since the writing of this book?
11. What is *Water for South Sudan?*