

ACE OF SPADES

READ & DISCUSS

1. Chiamaka and Devon are such different characters in terms of their socio-economic standing, personalities, etc. Who do you relate to more and why?
2. How do you think you would have reacted if you were the target of that very first message from Aces? Would you have reported it?
3. Devon is a character who feels like he has to hide parts of himself, even to the people he cares about and who care about him. Is that something you can relate to?
4. Did you have a Chiamaka in your school? Were you the Chiamaka?
5. Devon and Terrell are both gay Black boys who live in the same neighborhood and yet they react to this part of their identity very differently. Why do you think that is?
6. Chiamaka is wrongly accused of stealing candy. Have you ever been wrongly accused of something? How did you react? What would you have done differently?
7. Were you surprised about Jack's involvement despite being not just Devon's best friend but someone who comes from the same working-class neighborhood? What does that say about the way race and class interact in society?
8. Chiamaka is a biracial girl. In what ways does she fit or not fit the portrayal of biracial girls in the media?
9. Oftentimes, people see racism as overt acts like burning crosses or wearing white hoods, but that is not always the case. What were some more subtle ways racism is shown in this book, particularly in the things Aces says and does?
10. This story is an allegory. Why do you think the author chose to write it as such? Do you think allegories help communicate a message? If so, how?



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