

*The Salamander Room*  
**Discussion Guide**  
Grades 3-7

**Before Reading: to activate schema, build background knowledge, and set a purpose.**

- Have you ever found an animal in the wild and wanted to take it home to be your pet? What did you do?
- A habitat is the natural home of an animal. What things do you imagine would be in a salamander's habitat?

**During Reading: to engage students, check for understanding, and make connections.**

- What plants and animals do you see in the pictures?
- Why do you think the boy's mom keeps asking him questions about the salamander?

**After Reading: to summarize, question, and reflect.**

- Do you think the boy keeps the salamander? Why or why not?
- What animal would you like to bring home to live in your room? What would they need to have the perfect home?

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.