

# *Of the Wing: The Legend Awakes*

## Vocabulary and Discussion

### *Chapter 13: Her Golden-eyed Self*

#### **Vocabulary**

*fervently* p 135 — (adv) passionately

*sabotaged* p 136 — (verb) to intentionally, sometimes secretly, destroy, obstruct, or hinder something

*blithely* p 137 — (adv) carelessly

*malevolent* p 140 — (adj) wicked

*plaintively* p 140 — (adv) sorrowfully

*translucent* p 146 — (adj) glowing

List below any additional words new to your vocabulary:

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#### **Discussion**

- 1) Why is Victor angry at the start of his luncheon with Claire?
- 2) At the end of their luncheon, what does Claire tell Victor about Billy? Why?
- 3) Claire finally reveals her golden eyes to Victor. Explain why. Keep in mind both prior events and events of that day.
- 4) What point is Victor making when he says of Claire's reason for wearing blue contacts, "Same reason Billy plasters hair over his eye."

## Chapter 14: Vigil at the Nest

### Vocabulary

*jubilant* p 149 — (adj) joyful; thrilled

*furtive* p 149 — (adj) sly or secretive

*doted* p 150— (verb) to attend to fondly, excessively

*mimicked* p 151 — (verb) to imitate

*colossal* p 151 — (adj) massive; huge

*besieged* p 152 — (adj) surrounded or crowded; overwhelmed

*feigned* p 158 — (verb) to pretend

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### Discussion

- 1) Explain how and why Billy was upsetting his aunt Helen.
- 2) Why did Claire want to “stake-out” Big Red’s old nest?
- 3) How would you physically describe the Fist and the Finger?  
Where did Jerry, Claire, and Victor stand to view the hawk’s nest?
- 4) Why would Billy want to shoot Big Red’s nest? Was he angry at the hawk or were there other reasons?

## Chapter 15: Held Hostage

### Vocabulary

*goaded* p 162 — (verb) provoke or cause someone to act

*recuperating* p 163— (verb) regaining health

*ornery* p 163 — (adj) disagreeable; mean-spirited

*compel* p 164 — (verb) to force

*monoliths* p 104 — (noun) pillars, columns, or monuments,  
typically of stone

*buoyant* p 165 — (adj) able to float

*immersed* p 167 — (adj) absorbed

*reverie* p 167 — (noun) a trance-like state of fascination

*corral* p 170 — (noun) fenced enclosure for horses

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### Discussion

- 1) How is Claire's attitude toward Billy changing? Describe the change and give an example.
- 2) Billy punches his father in the stomach and then is horrified for having done so. How do you think Billy feels about his father?
- 3) Do you think Clyde Hollow really intended to shoot Sammy? If yes, explain why. If no, then why did he threaten to shoot the dog? What did he really want from the three adolescents?

## Chapter 16: Sitting Target

### Vocabulary

*rile* p 173 — (verb) to anger someone

*outhouse* p 176 (noun) outside toilet facility without plumbing

*raptly* p 176 — (adv) completely attentive

*derisively* p 177 — (adv) scornfully

*indignant* p 178 — (adj) offended or resentful

*dismissively* p 179 (adv) indifferently

*plummet* p 181 (verb) drop or plunge

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### Discussion

- 1) When Billy gets the rifle, why does he keep repeating, “Now you have to listen to me!” To answer, first think about his relationship to his father and how his father treats him.
- 2) Billy aims but does not pull the trigger on Big Red. Why?
- 3) How does Victor manage to get Billy to run from the cabin with him and Claire?

## Chapter 17: Birds in Her Heart

### Vocabulary

*perimeter* p 188 — (noun) bordering edge of a defined area

*habitats* p 189 — (noun) the environment where a plant or animal normally lives

*obstinacy* p 190 — (noun) stubbornness

*quizzically* p 192 — (adv) curiously

*humiliation* p 192 — (noun) shame

*conceded* p 193 — (verb) to unwillingly accept something as true

*rhododendron* p 194 — (noun) woody-stemmed, waxy-leaved woodland shrub

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### Discussion

- 1) Claire mistakenly mentions to Jerry that her shirt—not luck—caused the Black-throated Green Warbler to reveal itself. Jerry then coaxes a more complete explanation. Why do you think Claire was willing to share with Jerry this major secret? Think of as many reasons as you can.
- 2) Jerry provides Claire an explanation that may account for her ability to draw birds. Can you think of any other?
- 3) At the close of chapter 17, who do you think was hiding behind the “tangle of rhododendron”?

## Chapter 18: A Hatchling

### Vocabulary

*invincible* p 196 — (adj) unbeatable

*careened* p 196 — (verb) sway or swerve

*furtively* p 201 — (adv) secretively

*jovial* p 201 — (adj) cheerful, happy

*antics* p 202 — (noun) playful behavior

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### Discussion

- 1) The last chapter is titled “The Hatchling.” Is its focus on the hatching chick or some other “beginning”? What is new to the lives of these three characters?
- 2) Why do you think the male hawk attacked Victor?
- 3) Even though Billy helps to pull Claire to safety, she still distrusts him and demands to know how he found them at the outcrop. What happens next?
- 4) At the end of the book, we discover that Billy and Claire actually have things in common. Name at least two.
- 5) Whispering in Claire’s ear, Victor finally tells her his Cochiti name. Do you know why?