



Study Questions

1. Why do you think the author's father told the Bedtime Story? What do you think he wanted to convey? How do you think he protected his children?
2. Why did some of the Jewish men escape to join the partisans? Why did others, like the author's father decide not to escape? What would you have done?
3. How did Zoltán Kubinyi treat the Jewish men under his command and why? Why do you think he defied Nazi orders to march them toward a concentration camp?
4. Why do you think Zoltán Kubinyi didn't take off his uniform to prevent being captured by the Russian army? What would you have done?
5. How did the author's father feel when he returned to his hometown of Tokaj and why? How did the townspeople react to the few Jews who returned? How do you think you would have reacted to losing most of your family and friends?
6. Why do you think the author wrote this book? What was her relationship with her father? How does it compare to your relationship with your parents?
7. Why do you think the author wanted her children to meet the rescuer's family?
8. What could you do each day to make a difference in someone's life?
9. What will you remember about this book? What are some passages that you found especially striking?
10. Who are some people in your life that you admire? Why?

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