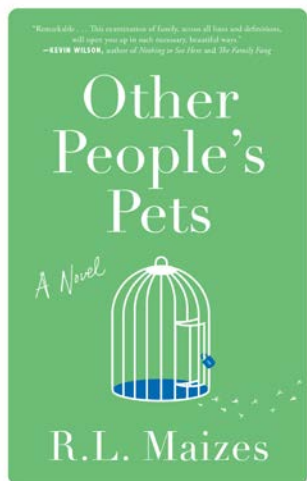




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1. La La and Zev have many flaws. In what ways were you able to relate to them in spite of or because of their flaws?
2. If you have pets, in what ways is your relationship with them similar to La La's relationship with her pets? In what ways is your relationship with your pets different?
3. What do you think about Zev's parenting skills? In what ways is he a good parent? In what ways does he fall short?
4. How would you describe La La and Zev's relationship?
5. What obligations do children owe their parents? What obligations does La La owe Zev?
6. Do you ever feel that you know what certain animals are feeling, emotionally or physically?
7. What do you think about the concept of an animal empath?
8. Growing up, did you have childhood experiences similar to La La's or Zev's childhood experiences?
9. Have you ever been treated the way La La treats Clem in their relationship?
10. What do you think are the themes of the book?

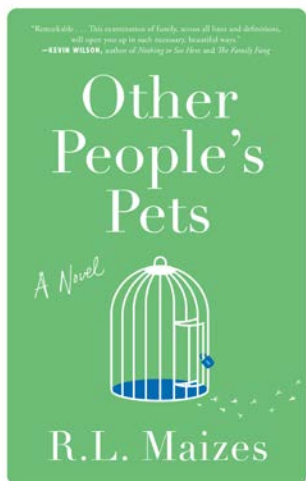
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11. Both La La and Zev break the law at different times in the book. Do you think breaking the law is ever justified? When? Is it justified when La La and Zev do it?
12. The book has a thread of magical realism running through it. Have you read other books that contain magical realism? What do you think of the technique?
13. How did you feel about the end of the book?

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