

Wheelboys Discussion Questions

- 1.** What surprised you most about *Wheelboys*? Who or what did you enjoy the most or find the most significant and compelling? Did the book confront or challenge you in any way or make you think differently?
- 2.** Chad starts out the summer in *Wheelboys* with a completely different mindset than he finishes with. If you could have told him something in this story, what would you have said? Did you see yourself in Chad in any way? Why or why not?
- 3.** The storyline for Elle in *Wheelboys* seems to go from one difficult situation to another. What would you have said to her as advice or encouragement? Have you ever felt the way she did or have similar experiences?
- 4.** How does Uma deal with her family being so involved in a dangerous business? As a younger woman, she married a racecar driver – how did her perspective change and how has it not changed? Do you have advice for Uma?
- 5.** How did Chad's relationship with his father affect his choices or his perspective on life? What about the loss of his mother?
- 6.** We learn of the Larson family from Chad's view point. In what ways are Jessica's family dynamics different from Chad's, and how are they similar? Is Chad's perspective realistic?
- 7.** What are some of the things Chad learns or realizes during his trip to Rodeo Kart? What do you think of the outcome and his choices? How would you describe his perspective on the world when he leaves Texas?