

The End of the World Running Club

Reading Group Questions

1. Apart from the end of the world and running, what do you think this book is about?
2. How do you feel about Ed at the beginning of the book? Do you identify with him, pity him or hate him? Do your feelings change? If so, when?
3. Of all the characters in the book, which one do you most identify with?
4. How do you think life in the barracks transforms Ed?
5. Did you see any recurring symbols or phrases? How do they support the plot?
6. What do you think Harvey means by 'Different Rays'?
7. At the beginning and the end of the book, Ed suggests that he is unsure of something. What do you think actually happened?
8. How do you feel about the ending? Is it what you were expecting?
9. Do you think Ed will find his family?
10. If you had an hour to prepare for the apocalypse, what would you do?