

### **Discussion Guide for Jimmy: Toughest Times Ever**

1. How does Jimmy feel right after Arrow's death?
2. How do Jimmy's feelings change? Does anything help Jimmy feel less sad?
3. Have you ever felt like Jimmy? Talk a little about that time.
4. What does the story mean by Arrow's qualities? What quality does Jimmy treasure the most about Arrow? What quality do you treasure the most about someone you love?
5. How do things change around you, where you live -- with animals, with plants, with the people around you, with big things like the sun or the moon or the stars or the ocean?
6. How is Gus different from Arrow?
7. What happens to help Jimmy want to be friends with Gus?
8. Do you feel Jimmy changes in the story? If you do, talk a little about how he changes.
9. What stays the same in Jimmy's life? Do you think that helps him? Do you have things that stay the same in your life that help you?
10. How could you imagine helping a friend who has lost a pet or someone in their family?