

Reading Guide to *The Name of This Book Is Secret* by Pseudonymous Bosch

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. The introduction of the book warns the reader that reading may be dangerous because reading “gives you ideas or provoke emotions.” Are those good or bad things?
2. Does knowing that someone has a secret make you eager to find out what the secret is? How many people can know a secret before it is no longer a secret?
3. In the first chapter of the book the reader is encouraged to change the names of the characters, imagine the location the story takes place as the reader’s town and that the school is your school. Did you do that? Did you like it? Did it make discussing the book easier or more difficult?
4. Speaking of names, Max-Ernest has an interesting story about how he came to be called Max-Ernest. How did Max-Ernest get his name?
5. There is something very strange about Max-Ernest’s house. What is strange and how did it get that way?
6. Who is Max-Ernest’s first real friend?
7. What does Cass always carry in her backpack and why?
8. Who are Larry and Wayne?
9. How do Cass and Max-Ernest become interested in the magician’s death?
10. What is the Symphony of Smells?
11. Who are the wealthy but evil villains?
12. Who is Benjamin and what is his special “gift”?
13. Do you think you would have the courage of Max-Ernest and Cass if a friend of yours was in danger?

14. Did you guess that the "spa" was an evil place for the children?
15. What were Mr. L and Mrs. Mavis seeking from Benjamin and why?
16. Why did all the people at the sensorium wear gloves?
17. Who helped Max-Ernest and Cass escape? Was their helper a surprise?
18. The author/narrator is an important character in the book. Did you like having a narrator? Did you like the narrator's style?
19. Who are the Bergamo Brothers and what was their unusual power?
20. Have you ever heard of or known anyone who had synesthesia?
21. So, what is the secret???
22. Has the adventure ended? Why or why not?