



## A GOOD DAY FOR CLIMBING TREES

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Sometimes you have to do drastic things to feel alive. Feeling invisible is a daily feeling for Marnus but all that changes when Leila knocks on his door. Marnus and Leila fight to save a tree and by doing so inspire the whole town. Jaco Jacobs explores the themes of love, heroism and loss. The questions below are designed to enhance your discussion of *A Good Day for Climbing Trees*.

### Questions for Discussion

1. Why do you think Leila is so attached to the tree?
2. 'Always somewhere in the middle, where no one ever saw me.' How does Marnus feel about his brothers, and how does this change throughout the book?
3. What motivates Marnus to climb the tree and help Leila?
4. Why do you think Mrs Merriman and Caretaker decide to help save the tree?
5. How does Marnus's relationship with his parents change?
6. 'You always say you have to fight for what's right.' If saving the tree is the right thing to do, are Marnus's parents wrong to be angry at his decision?
7. Which characters have had to deal with loss in their lives, and what do you think the tree symbolises to them?
8. What does *A Good Day* say about local community?
9. Why do you think Leila leaves the tree?
10. What do you think will happen next to Marnus and Leila?