



Discussion Questions

1. DISCUSS: “The town of Whitby is the main character in *The Whitby Witches*.” Explain your answer.
2. It’s very common for children’s authors to use orphaned children as the main characters in their novels (think Harry Potter, Alex Rider, Lyra in *His Dark Materials* or Sophie in *The BFG*.) Why do you think this is?
3. If you could be any character from *The Whitby Witches* who would you be and why?
4. Which character do you think has learnt the most over the course of the story: Ben or Jennet? Explain your answer.
5. At what point in the story did you as a reader become suspicious about Rowena Cooper?
6. Who is the Empress of the Dark?
7. If you could ask Robin Jarvis one question about his book what would you ask? (*Have a look at the Q&A section at the back of the book and see if your question has already been answered!*)
8. *The Whitby Witches* is the first in a trilogy of books. What predictions can you make about what might happen in the next book?
9. Why do you think Aunt Alice prefers the term “wise woman” to “witch?”
10. How would this story be different if it weren’t set in Whitby? What role does the town play in the novel?
11. Does *The Whitby Witches* remind you of any other books you’ve read?
12. What questions do you still have at the end of the book?