

# SIMON BIRCH

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Simon Birch is a heartwarming and funny hit that earned overwhelming critical acclaim. Even though Simon is that smallest kid in town, deep down he knows that he was born to do something big! He's on a constant search to discover his destiny, but somehow manages to find nothing but trouble. Meanwhile, Simon's best friend Joe is searching for the identity of his father, a secret his mother has guarded Joe's entire life. As these two share the hilarious and sometimes tragic, ups and down that will forever bind them together, discover for yourself the undeniable charms of this uplifting and inspirational motion picture!

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Directions: Type out - in complete sentences - your response to the discussion questions below. Remember to be clear, concise and complete with your response. Quality versus quantity is very important.

- 1) Simon's physical appearance stands in the way of him fitting in, even with his family. Who in the movie gave Simon a sense of belonging? Explain.
- 2) Discuss a time in your life when you felt you didn't fit in.
- 3) Where does your sense of belonging come from? Has anyone ever helped you fit in at one time or another? Explain.
- 4) What are some of the burdens that Simon has?
- 5) Do you make those who may be different ó physically, emotionally or socially ó in the eyes of society feel like they belong? Explain.
- 6) Simon wanted to be a hero and eventually he was. Have you ever been a hero, even in a small way to anyone? Explain.
- 7) What is your definition of a hero?
- 8) Sometimes a hero can be someone you know, like a parent, teacher, coach or friend. Maybe you felt Ben was Joe's hero. Who has been a hero for you in your life? Explain.