

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

Discussion Questions:

1. Sal says, "Sometimes I am as ornery and stubborn as an old donkey." Do you think she is? How would you describe her?
2. Sal discovered that if people expect you to be brave, sometimes you pretend you are even when you are very scared. Have you ever heard of this happening?
3. What part of the story made you laugh?
4. Please remind us of the things Sal is afraid of and not afraid of. Her list is on page 12. What do you think of her list?
5. Here are the messages that were left on Phoebe's porch: Don't judge a man until you've walked two moons in his moccasins. Everyone has his own agenda. In the course of a lifetime, what does it matter? You can't keep the birds of sadness from flying over your head, but you can keep them from nesting in your hair. We never know the worth of water until the well is dry. I'm wondering which of these is your favorite or means the most to you and why?
6. Could you tell around what year the story took place? What clues were there?
7. Did you notice any words that Sal and her family used that are different from the way we speak? Would you please help us start a list?
8. What did you think of Gram's description of motherhood on page 53 (...like trying to hold a wolf by the ears...)?

9. How did Gram decide to marry Gramps? What do you think about the way she chose him?

10. Why did Phoebe and Sal become friends? How are they alike or different?

11. “Don’t judge a man until you have walked two moons in his moccasins.” What do you think this saying means? Does it seem helpful or important to you?

12. Did you like the way the author wove Sal and Phoebe’s stories together? Why or why not?

13. How did you feel about the ending? Where you surprised?

14. Many things remind Sal of her mother. Is there any scent, food, or thing that reminds you of a family member or friend?

15. Sal thinks that Phoebe is a champion worrier. Do you agree?

16. By the end of the story, whose moccasins has Sal walked in? How do you know?

17. Before you found out on page 150 who was leaving messages on Phoebe’s front porch, did you guess who it was? What clues helped you to guess?

18. Why did Sal think Mrs. Winterbottom didn’t like being a housewife? Did you agree with Sal?

