

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Explore the deeper themes of family, grief, memory, and what it means to carry love forward.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF ONWARD

*Grieving a Father Never Known and
the Brother Who Carries Him Forward*



1 A FATHER NEVER KNOWN



- What does Ian's longing for his father reveal about grieving someone you've never met?
- How do we form connections with people who are only stories, memories, and photos?

2 THE BROTHER WHO CARRIES HIM FORWARD



- In what ways does Barley carry the weight of remembering their father?
- How do older siblings sometimes step into invisible roles in families?

3 DIFFERENT GRIEFS, SHARED JOURNEY



- How do Ian and Barley grieve differently?
- How does their quest help them connect in new ways?

PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ♥ Is there someone you've lost who you wish you could have known better?
- ♥ What do you wish you could ask them?
- ♥ What memories, stories, or lessons from loved ones help guide you today?



4 WHAT MAKES A DAD?



- What qualities of their father influence both brothers, even in his absence?
- How can love, values, and stories shape who we become?

5 HOLDING ON AND LETTING GO



- What does the spell and the one-day time limit symbolize?
- How do we honor those we've lost while still moving forward?

6 CARRYING LOVE INTO OUR OWN STORY



- What are some ways we can carry the love of those we've lost into our daily lives?
- What story do you want to keep alive for others?

FAMILY DISCUSSION PROMPTS

- ♥ Share a favorite memory or story about someone who has passed away.
- ♥ How do we keep their spirit alive in our family today?
- ♥ What traditions, words, or habits remind us of them?
- ♥ How can we support each other when we miss someone?



★ "It doesn't have to be a perfect spell, to be perfect for us." ★



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