



## Discussion Questions

### Skeleton Man by Joseph Bruchac

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1. In the acknowledgments, Joseph Bruchac mentions the difference between how traditional American Indian women are depicted in stories compared to "dependent damsels of European folktales". What are the differences that you can think of and why would there be such differences?
2. What do you think is the significance of the original Mohawk Skeleton Man story? What lesson does this legend teach?
3. Many people feel that there is meaning in dreams. What meaning did Molly's dreams have?
4. Several times throughout the book, more trust is given to feelings and dreams than to what is apparent to the eye. What are your thoughts about this?
5. What do you think about Molly's mother telling her to "Think first before you try to run away from a problem, otherwise you might run into an even worse one"?
6. Who is Molly named after and what is the significance of her namesake to the story?
7. Was this book a fast read for you? What makes a book go fast or slow for you as a reader?