

## *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies

**Why is Evan so angry at Jessie? Has she done anything on purpose to upset him?**

**Jessie is supposed to skip a grade and go straight from second grade to fourth grade. Do you think it is a good idea for kids to skip a grade? What are the pros and cons of skipping?**

**Even though Jessie and Evan are having a hard time with each other, they don't want their mom to know. Why are they so careful not to show they are quarreling?**

**The author chose to create her two main characters in ways that don't fit stereotypes – fixed ideas we have about how people are, in general. How did she do this?**

**Why is Megan so nice to Jessie? She's two years older and has lots of friends. How does her view of Jessie change as she spends more time with her?**

**And why do you think the second-grade girls who came up with the WHJ Club were so mean to Jessie?**

**What do you think of the “comment card” idea? Would it make you feel good to be able to look back at something nice someone had written about you?**

**Who “wins” the war? Does it matter in the end?**

**Evan is pretty sure that Scott Spencer stole the money he “borrowed” from Jessie. Why doesn't Evan confront Scott and ask for the money back?**

**Both Evan and Jessie admit they have done mean things to each other before they can move on. Have you ever done something out of anger that you wish later you hadn't? What's the best way to clear the air when you've had a fight with a sibling or friend?**

**How do Evan and Jessie finally resolve their conflict – both their lemonade war and their personal war?**

**What's a franchise? Who can name some?**

**What did you think of the business ideas in this book? Would you use any of them if you opened a lemonade stand this summer?**