



## Discussion Questions for *The Encyclopedia of Me* by Karen Rivers

Written entirely in hilarious encyclopedia entries, *The Encyclopedia of Me* tells the story of Tink Aaron-Martin and her adventures with her best friend, Freddie Blue Anderson. E is for Excellent!

1. Tink's father calls her the peacemaker of the family. What do you think of Tink's method of "peacekeeping"? How else could she try to keep the peace in her family?
2. Tink loves skateboarding and hanging out in her favorite tree. Where is your favorite place to hang out? What is your favorite thing to do?
3. What parts of the story made you realize that Tink and Freddie Blue might not be best friends forever?
4. Tink is not sure she wants to be "pops." Why do you think she feels this way?
5. Who would you rather have as a best friend—Freddie Blue or Ruth? Use examples from the book to explain.
6. Why do you think Tink keeps her feelings about Kai a secret from Freddie Blue? What would you do in her situation?
7. Tink believes that when a family breaks, they are stronger once they are put back together. What do you think she means by this?
8. Tink has a hard time standing up to Freddie Blue. What finally makes Tink stand up to her?
9. Even though Tink realizes that Freddie is not treating her well, she still tries to be a good friend. How does she show her loyalty? Would you be as loyal as Tink?
10. Tink starts to feel like a different person at the end of the story. What steps does she take to show people who she is? How can you tell she feels different?