



Discussion Questions for *The Boy on Cinnamon Street* by Phoebe Stone

1. Louise fantasizes about being someone else by changing her name to “Thumbelina.” What’s your “inner fairytale”? Discuss any ideas about pretending to be someone else.
2. Louise feels alone after changing schools. Discuss a time you felt like an outsider in a group. How did you adjust to your new setting? How have you tried to include someone who is new to a group?
3. Why do you think the music box is so important to Louise?
4. Why do you think Louise thought that Benny was the one leaving her the notes and gifts?
5. Louise used to love being on the gymnastics team at her old school. Why did she give it up?
6. Louise feels self-conscious about her small size. Reni feels self-conscious about her weight. Do you feel self-conscious about anything? What can you do to feel better about yourself?
7. Why do you think Henderson dressed up as a clown and spied on Louise and Reni when they went to Benny’s house?
8. Louise finally shared her feelings about her mother’s death with Henderson. Think about a time you kept something to yourself. How did you feel once it was finally out in the open?
9. Louise thought she had a crush on Benny and was surprised to find out that the love letters were from her best friend, Henderson. What do you think is crush-worthy?
10. In addition to his love letters to Louise, Henderson sent her a letter from her gymnastics coach and sent Reni a letter from her rock star crush. Why do you think he did this?