

Chapter 32

The Truth.



1. Do you think Conor handles his mother's illness well? (Why or why not?)
2. Why does it bother Conor that he gets special treatment at school because of his mum's illness?
3. Is Conor bothered more by the negative attention (the bullying) or the positive (his teacher handling him with kid gloves)?
4. Would the impact of *A Monster Calls* have been lessened if Ness had ever used the word "cancer?" (Why or why not?)
5. Why do you think Patrick Ness chose not to let the reader be there when Conor's mum died? (Think about what the story was about...)
6. Why do none of the adults ever come right out and say to Conor that his mom is going to die? (Think about: What do you think they're trying to accomplish? Do you think they're making the right call? Why or why not?)
7. How does the monster help (or hurt) Conor come to terms with his mother's cancer?
8. Do you think Conor ever might have been able to face his grief without the monster's help?
9. What is the significance of 12:07?