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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- At the beginning of the novel, Celeste says she "knows what looks good on her--what's comfortable." What does this reveal about how she feels about herself?
- How does Celeste react to Lively Carson's constant teasing? How should she react, in your opinion? What would you do if confronted by a peer in that way?
- Do you think Celeste's parents understand her feelings about her weight and size? What about the rest of her family? Aunt Doreen? Kirsten?
- How do Sandra's actions affect Celeste? How do they make her feel? What would you say to Sandra if you were in Celeste's shoes?
- Why does Celeste react the way she does to finding out that she's a contestant in the Miss HuskyPeach contest?
- When Celeste doesn't feel well, Coach Anapoli doesn't respond to her request to not run. What should have Celeste done to make her pay more attention?
- Why is Celeste so reluctant to tell her mom that she absolutely, positively doesn't want to do Miss HuskyPeach? Do you think her mom is forcing her too much? What would you do?
- How does Celeste feel after the first round of the HuskyPeach pageant?
- How do Millie and Katy help Celeste between rounds of the pageant? What type of friends are they?
- As the rounds of the pageant progress, how does Celeste change? What is different about her?
- After the "accident" on the runway, do you think Celeste made the right decision in not

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wanting to finish the contest?

- What do you think is a bigger moment for Celeste, confronting Sandra in the kitchen, or Lively on the soccer field?
- Why does Celeste change her mind about going back to the HuskyPeach? Would you have gone back?
- What was the biggest change that Celeste made from the beginning to the end of the novel?