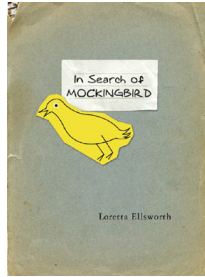


## Discussion Guide for *In Search of Mockingbird*



“With a first-person narrative that is eloquent and credible, and prose that is restrained and economical, Ellsworth makes Erin’s unlikely coming-of-age trip convincing. An engaging road trip.” – Kirkus Review



- ❖ Erin, the protagonist, is inspired by her favorite book, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. What books have inspired you in your life?
- ❖ Using a US atlas, trace Erin’s bus trip from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Monroeville, Alabama, including all the stops the bus makes along the way. How many of the stops are places you’ve visited before?
- ❖ Erin writes about her bus trip in her journal. Write a journal entry about a journey you took, including what you saw along the way and the people you met.
- ❖ Erin hopes to meet her literary idol, Harper Lee. If you had the opportunity to meet a living author, who would you meet and why? What questions would you want to ask him or her?
- ❖ Erin identifies with Scout from *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Is there a character in a book that you identify with? What characteristics do you share, or wish you did share?
- ❖ On page 18, Erin says that she always missed her mother even though she never knew her. What does she mean by that?