



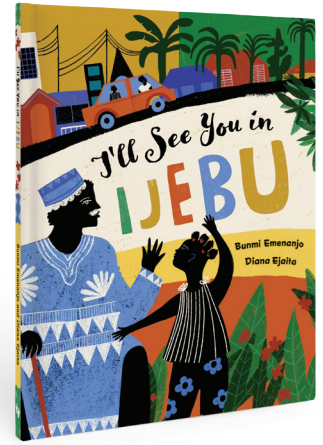
A Barefoot  
Discussion  
Guide

## *I'll See You in Ijebu* Discussion Guide



In the book *I'll See You in Ijebu*, Olu's life in Lagos and Ijebu comes alive with smells of her favorite foods, sounds and sights of activities and life around her.

- 1) **What is your favorite food?** What does it smell like? How does it make you feel when you eat it?
- 2) **Who is your favorite person in your family?** Do they have a specific smell or sound that reminds you of them when they aren't around? What is your favorite memory with them?
- 3) **In Ijebu, Olu joins in the cooking of the Eid feast for the first time because she is now old enough.** (Her grandma promised her she could when she turned 8.)
  - a) Is there an activity or tradition that you are allowed to do when you turn a certain age? How old were you? What is the activity?
  - b) Is there an activity or tradition that you're looking forward to participating in once you turn a certain age?
- 4) **In Ijebu, Olu cooks jollof rice with her grandma.** Do you have a favorite activity that you do with a special person in your family? What is it? How does it make you feel? What is your favorite part of doing that activity?
- 5) **In Ijebu, Olu goes on a road trip with her family.**
  - a) Have you ever gone on a road trip? Where did you go? What is your favorite road trip?
  - b) On the road trip to Ijebu, Olu and her family listened to music and stopped to buy snacks. What do you do to pass the time on road trips? Do you listen to music too? What kind of music is your favorite to listen to? Do you pack snacks? What is your favorite snack to pack/buy?
- 6) **In Ijebu, Olu's family gather to celebrate Eid Ad-Alda.** What celebrations does your family gather for? What do you look forward to the most about those gatherings? How does it make you feel? What do you remember the most when the celebrations are over?



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## Activity:

On the road from Lagos to Ijebu, while they are stuck in traffic, Olu and her family hear the sounds of street hawkers calling out to travelers to buy the things they are selling such as snacks, drinks and other interesting items.

One hawker is selling cold ice water for passengers to cool down in the hot Lagos heat.

*Ice water! Cold ice water!*

*Ice water tûtù ré o*

*Buy your ice water!*

*Ótutù ó wọ eyín!*

*So cold you feel it in your teeth!*

A street hawker's goal is to make their goods sound irresistible so that travelers can buy them!

Imagine you are a street hawker selling your favorite snack! What would be your street hawking call?

Example: my favorite snack is Oreos.

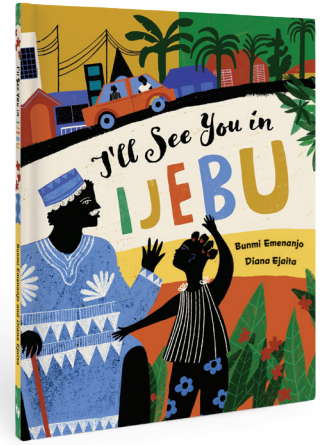
*Oreos! Oreos! Crunchy chocolatey Oreos!*

*Get your Oreos! Get your Oreos!*

*Creamy sweet middle!*

*Dip in milk, add to ice cream!*

*Get your crunchy chocolatey Oreos!*



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