

# Lunch Bunch Discussion Guide

## Immigrants and Refugees

- Look up new vocabulary in a dictionary.
- Use a map or globe to find the country or countries of origin of characters in your book
- Motives for leaving your native land and moving to another country may be matters of “push” or “pull.” Some are “pushed” out of the homelands by war or dangerous political conditions, and must flee as refugees. Others are “pulled” by the hope of opportunities for a better life for themselves and their families. Why did characters in your book come to America? Were they “pushed” or “pulled?” Explain.
- America and other countries have laws about who may settle here as immigrants, who may get jobs, who may become citizens, etc. While many immigrants try very hard to obey the laws, some come and stay illegally. Is legal status an issue for characters in your book? How does the system of laws and bureaucratic procedures affect them?