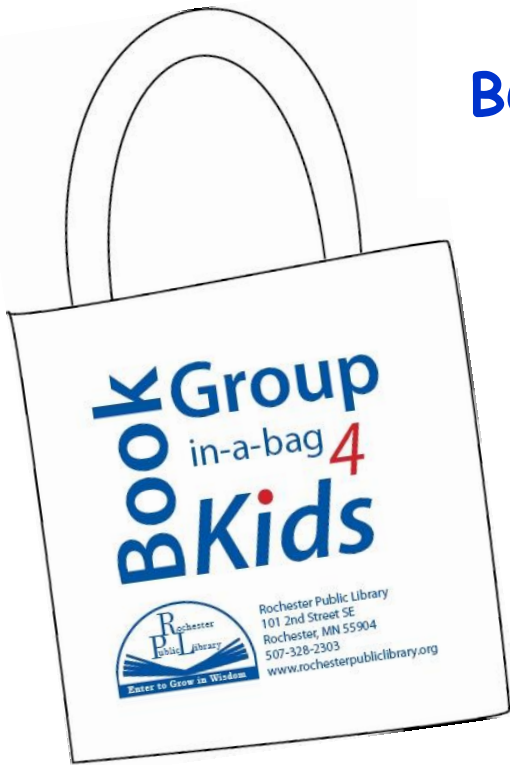


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The discussion questions were found on the Multnomah County Library website.

1. When Jason first meets Kid Barker aboard the Yakima he doesn't trust him. How does Kid try to gain Jason's trust?
2. Why do you think Kid believes Jason will join his gang? Both Jason and Kid are thieves-what did Jason steal? Would you have stood up to Kid or would you have joined his gang until the Yakima stopped at Skagway?
3. Were people prepared for all the dangers traveling to the Yukon and goldfields? How does this affect their behavior?
4. There are many dangers on the way to the gold fields. Name some of the dangers the Klondikers faced to get to the gold fields.
5. What was your reaction to the Klondiker's behavior as they tried to get over Dead Horse Trail? Why do you think people behaved the way they did? Were you surprised by their behavior?
6. The goldrush seemed to bring out the worst or the best in people. Think of some examples in the book. Why do you think people acted as they did? Do situations exist today where people are pushed beyond their normal limits?
7. Jason seemed to meet up with Jack London when he most needed a friend. Why do you think London helped Jason out so many times?
8. Other people helped Jason on his journey too. One person sites the "Golden Rule" as the code of the Yukon Order of Pioneers. Which people follow this rule in the Yukon? Who are they? Why are they able to help people when others can't?
9. Jason saves Charlie's life when his family leaves him to die. Did this surprise you when his uncle left him to die with Jason?
10. Charlie also helps Jason even though he is recovering from the loss of his leg. How does he do this? Think of several ways that Charlie and Jason help each other survive the long winter.
11. Would Jason have survived being alone for the entire winter without Charlie? What is the longest period of time you have been completely by yourself?
12. Knowing what you know would you take the same risks the Klondikers did to reach the gold fields? Why or why not?