

Discussion Guide for Cupcake Cousins

- 1. Willow dreams of being a chef someday.** Even though she makes mistakes – some of them very messy – she doesn't give up. That's because she loves to cook. Is there something you love to do? What happens for you when things don't turn out right the first (or second) time? Do you give up?
- 2. Delia is very organized, and she likes to do things the right way.** Willow is loose and doesn't always follow directions or measure ingredients. Is one way better than the other? Are both ways okay? What about you, are you a Delia or a Willow?
- 3. Willow wants to get better at cooking.** She wants to work with Cat and learn from a professional chef. How do people get better at things? What makes people succeed in what they set out to do?
- 4. Delia worries a lot.** She's most worried this summer about her mom and dad. Do you have worries? How do you keep from worrying too much?



- 5. Willow and Delia start off wanting to get out of the ugly pink flower girl dresses and thinking just about themselves.** But later in the book, they focus on bigger problems, like helping Cat's business and Delia's father. How do Willow and Delia change over time?

- 6. Cat's way of speaking is different from Delia and Willow's way.** When she says Southern expressions like, "I fell out of the ugly tree and hit every branch on the way down," what does she mean? Did she really fall out of a tree?

- 7. When there is a knock at the kitchen door the morning of the wedding,** the girls try to sound like Cat and throw off their moms. They say things like "happy as a pig in slop." What sort of metaphors did you find in the book? Can you come up with your own?



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