## **Room** by Emma Donoghue

- 1. Why do you think the entire book is told in Jack's voice? Do you think it is effective?
- 2. What are some of the ways in which Jack's development has been stunted by growing up in Room? How has he benefited?
- 3. If you were Ma, what would you miss most about the outside world?
- 4. What would you do differently if you were Jack's parent? Would you tell Jack about the outside world from the start?
- 5. If Ma had never given birth to Jack, what would her situation in Room be like?
- 6. What would you ask for, for Sunday treat, if you were Jack? If you were Ma?
- 7. Describe the dynamic between Old Nick and Ma. Why does the author choose not to tell us Old Nick's story?
- 8. What does joining the outside world do to Jack? To Ma?
- 9. What role do you think the media play in the novel?
- 10. In a similar situation, how would you teach a child the difference between the real world and what they watch on television?
- 11. Why are we so fascinated by stories of long-term confinement?
- 12. What were you most affected by in the novel?

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