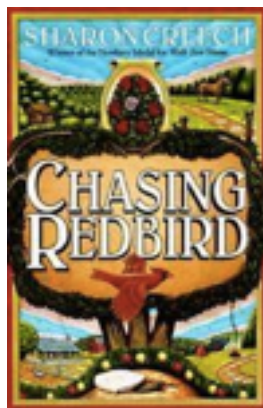


Book Chat by: Stacey Miller

Book Chat for: **Chasing Redbird**

Grade: 4th and above

Author: Sharon Creech



“I didn’t think I ought to mention about feeling that if I didn’t finish this trail, I was going to be struck down by the hand of God.”

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HOOK: Review the story’s main character Zinny. Zinny lives with her three brothers, three sisters, mom& dad. However, she likes to spend more time at her Aunt and Uncles house on the same property. Zinny lives in a small town where everyone knows everyone. Due to this, she feels she has no privacy of her own. After a few tragic events in Zinny’s life she is left feeling guilty for such occurrences haunting her every day. She wanders out on her own and finds a 200year old trail which explains her family’s history and unanswered questions.

NOTES: Important details to share during book talk would be to explain the importance of Zinny’s home life in making her decisions. Due to the large family she has, she feels she needs to escape to find herself& her own privacy. She also feels the need to learn much more about the secret, untold stories of her family history. Due to her chaotic home life, Zinny spends much of her time with her aunt and uncle, who, of course live on the same property. After two tragic events Zinny feels shameful and guilty for these. After all that had happened, Uncle Jake had gone crazy and Zinny felt alone with less answers than every before. In her search of privacy she stumbles upon a large hidden trail in their backyard. That summer, she spends her time clearing the trail that has been grown over. Throughout this journey she finds answers to her questions. Ginny felt that if she didn’t discover the answers to her haunting questions, she would be struck down by God. Zinny had no idea how long this trail was or how long this would take. For much of the summer she spends her nights camping along the trail to get in the most time possible. Along the trail Zinny meets Jake Boone. Quickly she finds herself falling for Jake and wonders if their time together will make him fall for her as well.

*A book trailer is available for this book. It can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-NEWg9F0GkY>

“Life is like a bowl of spaghetti. Every once in a while, you get a meatball.”

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