Booked Study Guide

Name _____

This book is made up of poems. In fact, each page is a poem or part of a poem. Identify the following types of poetry.

- 1. · acrostic
- 2. · blackout
- 3. · free verse
- 4. · blackjack
- 5. · epistolary
- 6. · couplet
- 7. · quatrain
- 8. · spine
- 9. · borrowed
- 10. · list

- 11. What is a footnote?
- 12. List three things a dictionary can offer a reader.

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Define the following words that Nick had to learn.

- 13. · verbomania p. 4
- 14. · malapropism p. 18
- 15. · pugilism p. 40
- 16. · futsal p. 44
- 17. · cachinnate p. 54
- 18. · mewling p. 70
- 19. · ragabash p. 81
- 20. · codswallop p. 84
- 21. · logorrhea p. 102
- 22. · flummoxed p. 119

- 23. · onomatophobia p. 121
- 24. · farrow p. 134
- 25. · sweven p. 144
- 26. · nutmeg p. 183
- 27. · rapprochement p. 215
- 28. · stupefy p, 220
- 29. · twain p. 248
- 30. · callipygous p. 259
- 31. · incompossible p. 268 · hellkite p. 272
- 32. · gadfly p. 288
- 33. · wordbound p. 294
- 34. · yobbery p. 296
- 35. · zazzy p. 300

Describe these characters in a few words

- 36. Nick (Nicholas, Nicky), the protagonist
- 37. Coby
- 38. April

39. Mr. MacDonald, (Mr. Mac) 40. Ms. Hardwick, Honors English teacher 41. Dean and Don Eggleston **Short Answer Question:** 42. •What book did Nick's dad write that he's making Nick read? 43. •What job can't Mom do since they moved to the city? 44. • What do the Eggleston twins steal from Nick? 45. • How do Nick and Coby keep their friendship strong while playing on competing soccer teams? 46. • Why is soccer so important to Nick? 47. • How does Nick handle the tension between his parents? 48. •What is Nick's punishment for daydreaming in English class? 49. •Why does Coby play for a different travel soccer team than Nick? 50. •Why did the Eggleston twins get sent back to ABC? 51. •What class does Nick take with April after school? 1. 52. • What is the role of family meetings and therapy (with a doctor) in the story? 53. •Why do Nick's parents take him to a psychologist?

| 54. • What soccer tournament have Coby and Nick's teams been invited to? |
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| 55. •Why does Nick have surgery? |
| 1. 56. • How does Nick's stay in the hospital change things? |
| 1. 57. • Why doesn't Nick like to read? What changes his mind? |
| 58. •What book club does Mr. MacDonald run? |
| 59. What book does Ms. Hardwick bring to Nick while he's in the hospital? |
| 60. What was the Mac's job before he became a librarian? |
| 61. Why is the Mac leaving his job as librarian? |
| 62. What two things does the Mac give to Nick before he leaves for Texas? |
| 63. •What book does Nick choose for the book club? |
| 64. •What date does Mom set up for Nick and April? |
| 65. •Where does Nick's mother move to so she can train a racehorse? |
| 1. 66. • What can you do when a good friend is making a racist joke? (For example, see p. 191.) |
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| 67. What is "limerence" and why is it such an important word in this story? (See pp.119–120, 121, 128, 289–290) |

68. What do you think was in the "Key to Freedom" box that Mr. Mac gave to Nick? Why do you think that?
69. •What does the Mac call his dragonfly box?
70. •Why did the Eggleston twins get sent back to ABC?
71. •Why does Nick no longer play football?

72. • Why do you think dragonflies are mentioned many times throughout the book?