

The Shadow of the Bear

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Accelerated Reading Questions

1. Blanche and Rose's one surviving parent is
 - a.) a stockbroker
 - b.) an emergency room nurse
 - c.) an art gallery owner
2. Bear is unusual to the two sisters because
 - a) he has a tattoo
 - b) he has dreadlocks
 - c) he has an earring in one ear
3. Blanche's English teacher is
 - a) an elderly nun
 - b) a middle-aged man
 - c) a young artistic nun
4. One of Rose's hobbies is NOT
 - a) reciting poetry
 - b) watching television
 - c) playing the violin
5. Blanche has trouble at school because she
 - a) talks too much in class
 - b) is afraid of gym class
 - c) faints when she gets stressed out
6. Rose
 - a) was not allowed by her mother to go to the prom
 - b) went to the prom with a cool senior guy
 - c) went to the prom with Bear
7. Blanche
 - a) wore a red dress with sequins to the dance
 - b) wore a simple white dress to the dance
 - c) wore a teal green dress to the dance
8. Bear and Blanche dance to a song
 - a) about a paper moon and a cardboard sea
 - b) from the "Marriage of Figaro"
 - c) called "the Moonlight Sonata."

9. In the book, Bear, Rose and Blanche NEVER did the following together:

- a) went to the opera, visited an abandoned church, had a snowball fight
- b) talked about their dreams, drank tea, ate Italian cookies
- c) went to Mass together, went ice skating, ordered pizza

10. Bear's real name is

- a) Michael Raymond
- b) Arthur Denniston
- c) Benedict Denniston

11. The villain of the story did NOT

- a) kill a priest and rob a church
- b) murder his own brother
- c) kidnap a teenage boy and keep him prisoner in his basement

12. The main villain of the story is

- a) Bear
- b) Fish
- c) Mr. Freet

13. At the end of the story, Fish is revealed to be

- a) a drug dealer connected with the school
- b) Bear's younger brother
- c) the thief who stole the church vessels

14. Having read the story, would you say Blanche's gift is

- a) boldness
- b) prudence
- c) artistic talent

15. Having read the story, would you say Rose's gift is NOT

- a) bravery
- b) self-sacrifice
- c) thinking before she acts

16. BONUS: Finish this quote: "The men signed of the cross of Christ..."

- a) ...go gaily in the dark."
- b) ...fall, only to rise."
- c) ...shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well."