

# TEACHER GUIDE

## PART 2 ~ CHAPTER 7

### Glistenings

#### Middle Grade – CHAPTER Discussion Questions and Light Lessons

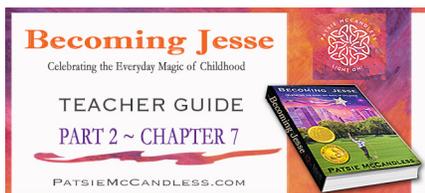
The following questions can also be used as a PREVIEW to reading the chapter, giving the students a guide to look for certain information.

#### PART 2 WINTER

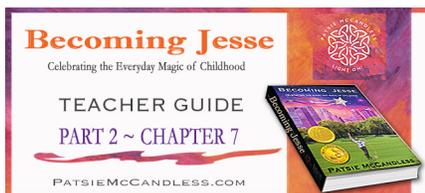
59 – “A snow fall, much like your life, is made up of billions upon billions of glitters.”

#### CH 7 – GLISTENINGS

1. How does the Winter blizzard affect Dearie and Conor’s plans? (*The blizzard shuts down traffic everywhere. There will be no trip to Elizabethtown now.*) Is Jesse aware of their plans? (*Not at all*)
2. Do you think Jesse has ever gone sledding before? (*No, or he would remember.*)



3. Since Jesse has no sled, what does he use to go sliding in the snow? (*Dearie gives him big Kitchen trays with handles. They are good at making do with whatever is at hand.*)
4. How does Jesse respond to Billy about seeing Angel Jane? (*Matter-of-factly: as if it was a most normal and wonderful thing; but he is just as enthusiastic about going sledding!*)
5. You meet another neighbor who Jesse knows as a 'mountain of a man'. Why does he call him this? (*Mr. Gorecki is from Poland, where his name means "mountain".*) Do you know what your name means? You can look up your name and find its meaning: <https://www.behindthename.com>
6. Why is Jesse at first discouraged when he talks with Sergeant Hannity? (*Sgt tells Jess his grandmother is completely out of his district.* ) How does Jesse turn this around and is, again, thrilled? (*Sgt. Tells him to collect clues – like every snowflake that makes up the snow.*)
7. What clues does Liam tell Jesse about his mother and father, Jane and James? (*They loved to go sailing together. They met at the Port Haven Yacht Club. There is a large bay of water between Port Haven and Elizabeth town. Jane lived on a farm with her mom.*)
8. Have you ever seen a 'snow mountain' created by the snowplows piling up snow?
9. Why is this 'snow mountain' dangerous – and what happens to Jesse and Mikey Romano because of it? (*The back side goes straight down to the city traffic. Mikey and Jesse slip off and go sliding down into the traffic – that has already mangled the snow saucer.*)
10. What famous painter and painting does Jesse envision when he's in danger? What was it about the painting that calmed Jesse? Find a picture of this painting. (*The glistening snow reminded Jesse of the famous light-filled paintings of Monet's Haystacks.*)
11. Can you draw a picture of Jesse's solution to keeping safe on the snow mountain?



12. At the Romano's supper, why do you think Jesse liked seeing Mr. and Mrs. Romano kissing and dancing? (*Jesse loves love.*)

## Chapter 7 GLISTENINGS (pp 61 – 71) – LIGHT LESSONS & PHRASES

Ch 7/ 65 – “Digging out the snowy city roadways was slow, slow work. Like a snail riding a turtle.”

Ch 7/ 66 - Sunlight spread through the glistening mountain of snow. Warm. Bright, like the Lights from New Year's Eve. I can see my Lights! Even in the daytime!

Ch 7/ 68 – “He shut his eyes, feeling the rushing sensation. The sense of flying. Glistening Lights swirled behind his eyelids. Inside him. Calm. Deep. Quiet.”

Ch 7/ 69 – “Like Monet, painted with Light, you chose your joyful, glistening thoughts, and created your joyful, glistening world. Safe. Free! Blue ribbon, you!”

Ch 7/ 69 - “Impossible only means: I-M-possible! Get it? I am possible!”

Ch 7/ 70 – “It was a snow mountain of pure whiz-bang-zip-zooming fun!”