



The Saw That Talked

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Reading Level: 2–3

Interest Level: Adult

Book Summary

Lindy loves wood. She loves the look of wood. She loves the feel of wood. She gets a job in a furniture factory.

Lindy loves her new job. But she doesn't like how the guys treat her. And the boss doesn't care about workplace safety. Lindy is the only woman on the shop floor. So Lindy doesn't say anything. One day Lindy gets hurt on the job.

Enough is enough!

Does Lindy find a way to stand up for herself—and keep the job she loves?

Chapter 1

1. Do you think Lindy is lucky?
2. Do you know people who have jobs they really enjoy? What are those jobs?
3. What kind of job would let you do what you really enjoy?
4. Can you think of a happy time that you will never forget?

Chapter 2

1. If you were Lindy, would you say anything about having no blade guard?
2. Why do you think the guys give Lindy such a hard time?
3. Why do you think there are no guards on the saw blades?

Chapter 3

1. Why do you think Lindy keeps her mouth shut when the guys play tricks on her?
2. In what ways can people get hurt on the job?
3. What would you do now if you were Lindy?

Chapter 4

1. Are you surprised when Brady tells Lindy not to go to the company nurse?
2. Why does Lindy not want the guys to see her in pain?
3. Have you ever tried to act the same as everyone else? What happened? How did you feel?

Chapter 5

1. In what ways is Nick a help to Lindy?
2. Why won't Lindy file for Workers' Compensation? What would you do in her place?
3. How do you feel about companies that get around Health and Safety rules? Who do you think is to blame?

Chapter 6

1. Why doesn't Lindy tell Chet to stop calling her "kid"?
2. What more do you think Lindy will have to say?
3. Is Lindy right to feel she is being picked on just because she is a woman?
4. What is your idea of a good boss?

Chapter 7

1. Do you think that Lindy is right to call the inspectors?
2. How do you think Lindy feels as she waits on hold?
3. At what point do you know that enough is enough?
4. What do you think will happen next?

Chapter 8

1. How do you think the guys will feel about Lindy calling the inspectors?
2. Whose fault do you think it is that Brady gets hurt?
3. Are you good in an emergency?

Chapter 9

1. “Power in numbers”— what does that mean? Do you believe there is power in numbers?
2. Why do people sometimes wait before going along with an idea?
3. What do you know about health and safety rules for the workplace? Where can you find out more?

Chapter 10

1. Why does Brady say Lindy “got things all stirred up”?
2. Why does Lindy want to fill out her own claim forms?
3. How true to a company should a worker be? How true to a worker should a company be?
4. How do you feel about worker unions?

Chapter 11

1. How might Lindy’s days at work change now?
2. Why is this book called The Saw That Talked?
3. Think about your job, or a job you once had. What is something you would change about that job to make things better?
4. Tell about a time in your life when good came out of bad.