

# *Mudville*



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## **READERS GUIDE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Many people, Peter especially, believe that the town of Moundville is cursed, but Roy believes it has to do with statistics. What do you believe and why?
2. Sturgis exhibits both good and bad behavior. Why do you think he acts this way?
3. How does Roy react to Sturgis's arrival? Why do you think he acts this way? How would you react?
4. Roy and Sturgis go from strangers, to teammates, to enemies, to cousins. Describe how Roy and Sturgis's relationship progresses throughout the book and how these changes affect their perceptions of each other.
5. Sturgis lies to Roy about how he got the scar on his face. Why?
6. Why does Sturgis eventually join the Sinister Bend team? What would you have done if you were Sturgis? If you were Roy, would you have reacted the way he did?
7. The rematch is considered to be very important to many people. It brings back Roy's mom, Bobby Fitz, and more. Why is so important to everyone? Is it just about baseball?
8. What does the Moundville team learn that helps them win against Sinister Bend? Explain the irony.
9. When Roy initially forms the team, he is elected captain. How does this change him as a person?
10. How do Sturgis and Roy's relationships with their fathers differ? How does Roy's dad try to be like a father to Sturgis?