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• In Cal’s situation, when he finds the note with ‘Call me’ written on it, would you have replied? Why do you think Cal might have chosen to do this and what advice would you give him if he were your friend? Do you think Cal makes good decisions?

• How does Cal and Em’s friendship change throughout the book and what do you think the causes of this change are?
  You might find it useful to think about:
  - How Em is with Duncan
  - What happens with Peggy
  - Em’s relationship with her mum and dad.

• Dream Dates - Matt takes Cal down by the Thames and they spend the day together before going to see Kinky Boots at the theatre. What would your dream date be and why and who would you want to share this with?

• On p244 Cal thinks ‘I was Cal Adams’ - what do you think makes Cal who he is and contribute to his identity? If you were writing about yourself how would these factors differ from Cal’s?

• Did you know that up until 2003 it was illegal for schools to promote homosexuality. This meant schools would probably not have been able to stock Fall Out in their libraries. Why do you think it might be important that people can read about characters like themselves or like those they know?

• Peggy says to Cal, ‘People hate different. They hate what they don’t understand so don’t take it personally.’ (p163). Thinking about your own experiences, do you think this is true? Does this mean it was inevitable that Cal would be bullied? Can you think of any ways that things could be changed so people aren’t prejudiced towards one another?
‘A devastatingly raw reminder that some LGBTQ+ kids still face prejudice, hate and a daily struggle just to live their lives... Fall Out is full of hope, humour and the promise that things will, eventually, get better.’ Simon James Green.

• Why do you think Peggy leaves Cal a compass? What might this mean?

• Based on what you know about Cal and Em, what do you think might happen to them next?

Further Reading:
If you have enjoyed reading Fall Out why not look out for these other books that you might enjoy?

Darren Charlton  Wranglestone
Juno Dawson  This Book is Gay
ed Juno Dawson  Proud
Simon James Green  Noah Can’t Even
William Hussey  Hideous Beauty
David Levithan  Boy Meets Boy
Alice Oseman  Heartstopper
Raina Telgemeier  Drama

Look out for C G Moore’s second novel, Gut Feelings, which publishes in January 2021