

ADA HOLLOWAY'S HAD ENOUGH

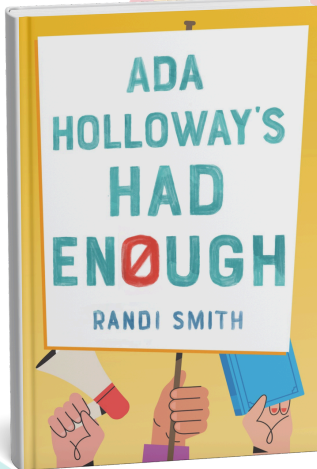
Discussion Guide

Themes: Coming of Age, Censorship, Activism, Family Dynamics, Overcoming Fear

Genre: Realistic Young Adult Fiction

Ages: 12+

Pages: 256



Synopsis:

Ada Holloway just needs to survive her final semester as a high school senior, but nothing's going her way.

Star quarterback Beckett Forsythe relies on Ada to do his homework for him, her rebellious cousin Molly has nowhere else to go but the Holloway's house, and to top it all off, Ada doesn't really know what she wants to do with her life—even though her parents already decided for her.

The one thing she does know is the topic for her senior essay: the life of Freeport's founder, Everett J. Washington. But the Mayor of Freeport has pulled Washington's biography from library shelves among a massive book ban. Ada needs that book, she needs to write her essay, and her best friend David has a perfect idea: a banned book club run by the public library. What could go wrong?

Questions to Consider:

How did Ada grow as a character throughout the novel? Do you like that change?

Mayor Forsythe banned books from Freeport's library for being "inappropriate for younger patrons". Do you agree with his reasoning? Why?

From what you've seen of *The Founder's Promise*, do you think it should be banned from Freeport's library? Why?

Ada has two heart-to-heart conversations with her parents on the front porch of her house. What do you think about them? How are they similar, and how are they different?

Compare and contrast Beckett Forsythe and David Garcia.

How does Ada's relationship with her family change throughout the novel? What incited that change?

Did you expect Ada to get a job with Ella Robinson? Why or why not?

Molly Ingram is seen as the outcast of her family. Do you agree with that label? Why?

Do you agree with the library's decision to protest the book ban? If not, what do you think they should have done instead?

What other ways can you make your voice heard about decisions you think are wrong? Do your answers change depending on what you disagree with?

Ada has many hard discussions with the adults in her life. How can you talk to your parents, teachers, and friends about important topics that matter to you?

What would you do if books were banned in your library?