

# Winners Take All

## Discussion Questions

### Jump-Starting the Conversation

Here are some questions to get you thinking and talking together. But you don't have to stick to these questions. Feel free to come up with your own. There's so much to talk about!

- Why did Kyle pretend he caught the ball when he really hadn't? What was he thinking?
- Why didn't he tell his teammates that he had just made a mistake? Why did he want to keep his cheating a secret?
- Kyle almost told Claire that he had faked the catch. How do you think Claire would have reacted if he had? How would you have reacted if you were his teammate?
- Would Kyle have ever told the truth if Jason had never discovered the cheating and told Coach Rolfe about it?
- Honsey is a pretty cool grandmother. How did her baseball stories change the way Kyle was thinking?
- The Cubs players, coaches, and fans yell at the umpire when he rules against them and they lose the game. What do you think the umpire is thinking when everyone is yelling at him?
- Playing to win is exciting. And winning a tight game is especially thrilling. But did Kyle want to win too much? Is that possible?
- How does this famous expression apply to Kyle: Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive?