

the dogs win the gold cup and jackpot. What do you think his parents are talking about?

Chapter 19:

- ① What frightening animal do the dogs tree? How long has passed since the contest?
- ② Why doesn't Billy get his dogs to leave the cat in the tree?
3. How does Billy try to help his dogs fight the cat?
4. What would have happened if the dogs had run away after Billy started chopping at the cat?
5. In what ways was the cat the "scourge of the mountains" ? (p. 228)
6. Which dog is wounded the worst? What does Billy try to do for the dog?
7. How does Mama try to help Old Dan?
- ⑧ Where does Little Ann spend the night after Old Dan dies?
9. What happens to Little Ann?
10. How does Mama try to comfort Billy? Does he accept what she says? Would you?
- ⑩ What is Papa's explanation of why "fate" stepped in to take the dogs away from Billy (p. 240)? Does Billy find that thought comforting?
- ⑫ What sort of burial does Billy give the dogs?
 - * Have you ever lost a pet you loved? Did you have a funeral?
 - * Have you ever heard of one animal grieving after another animal dies?
 - * How long do you think it will be before Billy and his family move to town?

Chapter 20:

1. On moving day, how does everyone seem to feel?
- ② How does Billy feel at first when he sees the wild bush that has grown up on the graves?
- ③ How do his feelings change when he realizes what the bush is?
4. What is the legend of the red fern?
- ⑤ How much time has passed since Billy left the Ozarks—and now, as he tells the story?
- ⑥ What would the narrator like to see and do, if he returned to his old home? Why do you suppose he has never returned to the Ozarks?
 - * Have you ever moved? How did you feel about it? What were some of the things you looked forward to? What were you sorry to leave behind? Did you ever go back?