Reading Group Guide for Against the Wind by Amanda Cabot

(Spoiler alert—these questions assume you've already read the book)

- 1. Louisa is the youngest child, while Josh is the younger of two grandsons. How do you think their birth order affects their actions? Does that seem realistic to you? Why or why not?
- 2. Josh is motivated by his father's saying, "Don't settle for second place." Do you believe he acts out of love or duty? Which one do you believe is stronger?
- 3. Louisa faces a lack of trust in her abilities as a healer because she's a woman. Do you think that would be different if she lived in the 21st century? Why or why not?
- 4. Do you believe a challenge like the one Josh's grandfather gave his grandsons would happen in the 21st century? Why or why not?
- 5. Did you form an opinion of Winifred, even though you never meet her in the book? If so, what was it?
- 6. Josh was slow to recognize that his attraction to Louisa was love. Why do you think that was true?
- 7. What do you believe attracted Raymond to Louisa?
- 8. Were you surprised by what happened to Zeus? If not, why not?
- 9. Were you surprised when you learned who was behind the attempts to discourage Louisa? If not, why not?
- 10. Did the "big" secret in the story surprise you? If not, why not?
- 11. If you were to choose one secondary character to have his or her own story, who would it be and why?