Anna, Banana, and the Friendship Split by Anica Mrose Rissi

Recommended for grades 1 to 3

Summary: Anna loves both her dog, Banana, and her best friend, Sadie. But Anna’s birthday party turns into a disaster when Sadie starts a fight. Anna is confused as to why Sadie is suddenly acting like her worst enemy, but she knows she needs to fix it. So she and Banana come up with a plan. But what if Sadie doesn’t want their friendship to be fixed?

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you think Sadie was right to start a fight?
2. Which character are you most similar to and why?
3. Think of your best friend. If they started a fight at your birthday party like Sadie did, how would you react? Would you try to be friends again?
4. Is it better to talk about problems you have with your friend or to keep your problems to yourself and see if they fix themselves? Why?
5. What qualities do you think a best friend needs? Why do they need those qualities?
6. Is every friendship worth saving? Think about your answer to question 5. Should you be best friends with someone who doesn’t have those qualities?
7. Do Anna and Sadie have those qualities?

Further Resources:

About the author: https://dar.to/2O22vlS
Best friend quotes: https://dar.to/2qj3kO8

Activities

1. Draw Sadie, Anna, and Banana at Anna’s birthday party when Sadie starts the fight.
2. Have you ever fought with a friend? Draw a picture of that fight and compare it to Sadie and Anna’s fight.