

DEAR CANADA

DISCUSSION GUIDE

No Safe Harbour

The Halifax Explosion Diary of Charlotte Blackburn

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1. Charlotte lives in Halifax, but what aspects of her life and neighbourhood sound more like life in the country?
2. How does Charlotte describe the special relationship she has with her twin. In what way(s) would having a twin be better than having a best friend?
3. What are “war trophies”? Why would there be an exhibition of these?
4. Who are the “smart ones”? The young men who are fighting overseas, or those who refused to join the armed forces?