The Unlikely Story of a Pig in the City
Jodi Kendall

GENRE: Realistic Fiction
LEXILE: 700L

RELEVANT WEBSITES:
Author Site
Author’s Curriculum Guide
Book Trailer
TeachingBooks.net
Goodreads Link

BOOK SUMMARY:
Josie Shilling's older brother brings home a pig, but this is a problem in the big city. She wants to keep the pig and add it to the family, but unfortunately the pig causes some problems. Josie has 30 days to convince her family to allow the pig to stay. In addition to the pig, Josie has to handle problems at school, the family's financial issues, and sibling rivalries throughout this heartwarming story.

BOOKTALK:
What would be your ideal pet? A cat? A dog? How about a pig? When Josie Shilling's older brother brings a pig named Hamlet home, Josie becomes attached and wants to keep it as a pet. The problem? Josie lives in a big city in a home that her family easily fills. What will happen to Hamlet? Will he be allowed to stay? And what will Josie learn from the experience? Read The Unlikely Story of a Pig in the City to find out!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
1. Why do you think Josie wants to keep Hamlet so much?
2. Have you read Charlotte's Web? In what ways is this book similar to or different from Charlotte's Web?
3. Describe the family's Christmas gift exchange. What surprised you during this part?
4. What do you think Josie learned from this experience?
5. Does Josie's family remind you of your family? Why or why not?

IF YOU ENJOYED THIS, YOU MIGHT ALSO ENJOY:
1. Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
2. Dog Days in the City (sequel to The Unlikely Story of a Pig in the City) by Jodi Kendall
3. The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
4. Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly
5. Bob by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead