Watchdog
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GENRE: Science Fiction
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RELEVANT WEBSITES:
Author's Site
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BOOK SUMMARY:
Twins Vick and Tara will do anything to protect their loyal pet, Daisy. More than just a pet, Daisy is their protector; and the kids will do anything to keep her safe from the evil crime boss, Ms. Alba. Ms. Alba wants to add Daisy to her troop of robot watchdogs, but Vick and Tara are determined to stop her.

BOOKTALK:
Twins, Vick and Tara are ordinary kids who've been thrown into a very out of the ordinary situation. Their father abandoned them and their mother died. Now, Vick and Tara spend their days picking through other people's trash just trying to survive. But when Tara discovers a chip and uses it to build a watchdog named Daisy, they dream that Daisy may be the solution to their troubles. Instead, the twins become the target of an evil crime boss who has her own sinister plans for Daisy. Read this book to see if they are able to escape Ms. Alba and her evil henchmen and maybe along the way find a better life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
1. How would the story be different if Vick and Tara weren’t homeless?
2. What sets Daisy apart from the other watchdogs?
3. Is Tara's autism a gift or a hindrance?
4. How would the story be different if it were told from a different perspective?
5. What lessons did the main characters learn? What is the theme of the book?
6. Suspense is defined as “the intense feeling that an audience goes through while waiting for the outcome of certain events.” Give an example of an event in the book that caused you to feel suspenseful.

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