**Worksheet A**

*The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride*

Aphasia Book Club, Spring 2021

1. On page 110, Murray asks Mr. Cashman if Jason can go to Chicago to take batting practice at Wrigley Field on Saturday. Mr. Cashman’s final answer is, “When he’s here, he’s mine. Understood?” Does this answer surprise you? Why or why not? What does Murray think about this response? Would you let your 10 year old go off on a trip with an old man that you don’t know well?
2. On page 115, When Anna shows Collins the picture she painted of her hands, he says “It’s beautiful.” Murray says, “anyone with half a brain could tell he’s not talking about the painting.” What is Murray referring to? Do you have any predictions as to whether this plays into the rest of the book?
3. On pages 123 and 124, When Murray and Father James are talking about the plan to go to Chicago, Father James tries warning Murray of the risks. Murray replies, “What’s life without a little risk?” and “Besides, when was the last time I took a risk?” What do you think the reason Murray is taking extra risks now? Do you think the adrenaline of the risk is good for Murray at his old age? Can you give an example of something you’ve done in your life that might be considered risky?
4. On page 128, Murray can’t believe Tiegan came with them. Are you surprised Tiegan would sneak out on her mother? Did you ever tell lies to sneak out of the house or go places you were not supposed to?