**Worksheet A**

*The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride*

Aphasia Book Club, Spring 2021

1. Murray and Chance heal their previously fractured relationship in Chapter 34. How does this happen? What do they say to each other? On a scale of 1-10, how surprised were you by their conversation? Is Chance’s relationship with Murray similar to or different from Jason’s relationship with his father? Explain.
2. In Chapter 34, Murray says “Funny thing is, the closer I get to my own house, the farther I feel from home” (p. 172). How has Murray’s sense of home changed throughout this story? What is home to you? Is it a place, person, feeling or something else? Has your sense of home shifted throughout life? In what way?
3. In Chapter 36, Murray feels lost (p. 179). Father James tells him that if he finds himself, he will find his path. How does Murray find his path? How would you have advised Murray in this situation? Describe a time when you felt lost. Did you receive any advice? Did it help you find your path?
4. On page 166 Murray thinks, “sometimes trying to do the right thing is the surest way to get yourself in a heap of trouble.” Who does Murray confront in Chapter 36? Do Murray’s words have an impact? Would you have acted similarly? Make a prediction: Will Benedict change his behavior because of Murray’s scolding?