



**Book
Club**

Alberta Reads

Pass Me By: Gone Fishin'

by *Kyle Simmers & Ryan Danny Owen*

Published by *Renegade Arts Entertainment*

Suggested Book Club Questions:

1. What were the main themes of the book? How were those themes brought to life?
2. How did Ed's experience make you feel? What emotions did it evoke?
3. Did the characters seem believable to you? Did they remind you of anyone you know?
4. Which character or moment prompted the strongest emotional reaction for you? Why?
5. What did you think of the writing style and ruralisms in the book?
6. How did you feel about the depiction of dementia in the book? Did you feel connected to Ed's experience?
7. What did you think of the style of illustration? How did the style contribute to the narrative structure of the book?
8. What do the particular colours used in the book represent?
9. Did the world feel distinctly Canadian to you? How did the landscape impact your connection to the narrative?
10. What do the authors mean when they refer to PASS ME BY as a queer rural Canadian tragedy and an inverted coming of age story?