OPERATION:
IN THE CLASSROOM!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR *OPERATION: COVER-UP* BY TATE GODWIN

1) Sy and Nick are both told to "be yourself" when they start at a new school. How do you know when you're being yourself and when you're not?

2) On their second day at school, Nick is mistaken for a class clown, and Sy is mistaken for a brainiac. Why don't they set the record straight?

3) Have you ever drawn a first impression of someone that later proved to be wrong? Have you ever been mistaken for something/someone you're not?

4) In the course of the book, Sy, Nick, and Violet become close friends. What lessons about friendship do they learn?

5) At first, Sy, Nick, and Violet keep their hobbies a secret. Do you have a hidden talent? If not, what secret talent do you WISH you had?

ACTIVITIES

Identity Swap Journal

- Write a short journal entry from Nick's or Sy's point of view. How are they feeling the night after they decide to launch their operation (page 48)?

What if?

- Write a scene where Nick or Sy *tells the truth* right away. How would the story change?

Comic Strip Response

- Create a 4-panel comic showing a moment when you felt misunderstood or when you misunderstood someone else.

Create Your Own Cover Up

- Design your own character who gets mistaken for something they're not (a big, sweet dog mistaken for a vicious hound? A chess master everyone thinks is a basketball star?).

Sequel Predictions

- Book Two, *Operation: Make a Splash*, will be released on 02/25/26. Write your predictions for the sequel and what you hope will happen to the characters.