**Discussion ideas for …**

**The Daring Escape of Beatrice and Peabody by Kimberly Newton Fusco**

* Pauline says everyone has troubles, so Bee is not alone. “Some folks have troubles on the outside for everyone to see, and some have troubles on the inside where they hide and fester. But everyone has something, Bee. So you are not alone.” Bee responds by saying “I think it must be way easier to have troubles on the inside where no one can see.” What does Bee mean by this? Do you agree or disagree with her?
* Why is Bee the only person who can see Mrs. Swift and Mrs. Potter? Do you believe they are really present, or are they figments of Bee’s imagination? Is there any evidence that they may, in fact, be living in the house with Bee?
* Did Mrs. Swift and Mrs. Potter face discrimination in their times? What do they try and teach Bee about being strong?