**Questions for Way Home**

1. What do you notice immediately about the setting of this picturebook? How about the colour the illustrator has used?
2. What does Shane think of the “fat cat” in the window?
3. How is Shane treated by the other boys on the street? Do you think he’s encountered them before?
4. How does Shane ditch the boys chasing him? What does this imply about his character?
5. Shane and the cat pass a Jaguar dealership. Based on his reaction, do you think he’s part of a family that could afford one?
6. When Shane stops to chat with a woman on the street, what do her clothes suggest about her profession?
7. How is the dog visually depicted? What about this illustration makes it frightening?
8. What do you notice about the neighbourhood within the city?
9. Describe some of the details you notice in the illustration of the back alley.
10. Does Shane’s way of getting to his home seem abnormal to you? In what way is it different from the norm?
11. Describe your initial reaction to the final illustration and scene of the picturebook. How do you feel? Would you consider this a happy ending?
12. Go back to the second set of pages in this book. What do you **now notice** about the words Shane uses to describe his *home* to the cat?