

Discussion Questions for “Downward Mule” by Jenna Hammond, [jennahammondauthor.com](http://jennahammondauthor.com)

What interests you about the book?

Who is your favorite character and why?

What is conflict? What is a conflict in the book?

Why is Sam like a superhero in the end?

Name or describe a real-life superhero.

Lila always believes in Sam. Who always believes in you?

When have you felt like Sam?

How have you ever acted like Lila?

Would you enjoy living on the farm described in “Downward Mule?”

Describe your perfect farm. Draw it!

What kinds of jobs would you do on your farm?

What is an author? What is an illustrator?

Would you rather be an author, an illustrator or both? Why?

What would your first book be about?

My dedication in “Downward Mule” is: “To believers little and big. Namaste Chase, Brady, Jack and mom, my bona fide Lila.” Who would you dedicate your book to?

Write a dedication. Consider sharing that dedication with the special people in your life.

What do you think “namaste” means?

“Namaste” means the light in me sees the goodness and light in you! Describe your goodness.

Draw a superhero – real or pretend. It can be you as a superhero, too! Feel free to share your drawings and the other responses with Jenna by emailing [jenna@jennahammondauthor.com](mailto:jenna@jennahammondauthor.com).

Also enjoy the coloring pages on [www.jennahammondauthor.com](http://www.jennahammondauthor.com) and make other drawings inspired by “Downward Mule.” I’d love to hear kids’ responses to these questions, and see children’s artwork. Maybe I’ll feature the work on [jennahammondauthor.com](http://jennahammondauthor.com)!

-Jenna

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