

Companionship in *Because of Winn Dixie* Notetaker

Chapters 15-19 reinforce the value of companionship, a central theme in *Because of Winn Dixie*. The characters explore their own sorrow and how coming together in the face of it brings them together as friends. For each character listed, record an example of companionship between that character and Opal.

Character	Chapter and Page #	Example of Companionship
Winn Dixie	Chapter 3, page 25	Winn-Dixie nudges the preacher with his nose when Opal asks the preacher about her mama.
	Chapter 6, page 43	Winn Dixie laid down at Miss Franny's feet in the library.
	Chapter 11, page 74-75	Winn Dixie runs to Opal and the preacher when he is scared of the thunderstorm.
	Chapter 13, page 87	Winn Dixie let Sweetie Pie wrap her arms around him and rock back in forth when the listened to Otis' music at the pet store.
	Chapter 15, page 99	Winn Dixie would comfort Miss Franny during one of her "fits".
Miss Franny	Chapter 7, page 45	Miss Franny tells Opal a story about how she got her library (Miss Franny tells Opal, Winn Dixie, and Amanda Wilkinson lots of stories over the next several chapters.)
	Chapter 17, page 111	Miss Franny shares the Littmus Lozenges with Opal and Amanda, and explains the story of how they were invented.
Amanda	Chapter 18, page 125	After an explanation from the preacher, Opal begins to understand why she has found it hard to

Wilkinson		become friends with Amanda.
	Chapter 21, page 147	Opal was extra nice to Amanda at the party, because she felt bad for her about her brother Carson.
	Chapter 23, page 155	Amanda helped Miss Franny into Gloria's house when the rain started.
Gloria Dump	Chapter 9, page 65	After Winn Dixie runs into Gloria Dump's yard, Gloria invites Opal and Winn Dixie to stay with her for a while and makes them each a peanut butter sandwich.
	Chapter 10, page 69	Gloria gives Opal a tree to grow in her garden.
	Chapter 14, page 94	Gloria gives Opal advice about not judging people based on their pasts.
	Chapter 18, page 119	Opal shares a Littmus Lozenge with Gloria and begins to read <i>Gone with the Wind</i> to her "loud enough to keep her ghosts away."
	Chapter 20, page 137	Gloria agrees to help Opal host a party.
Dewberry Boys	Chapter 20, page 137	Gloria requires Opal to invite the Dewberry boys to the party they will be having.
	Chapter 23, page 158	Opal tells the boys "hey" even though she is trying to go look for Winn Dixie.
	Chapter 25, page 172	Stevie and Dunlap that Gloria isn't a witch, and Opal sees them sitting by Amanda and clapping

		along to Otis' music.
	Chapter 26, page 179	Opal apologizes to Dunlap.
Otis	Chapter 8, page 53	Otis allows Opal to work to pay off the collar and leash she wanted for Winn Dixie. He also allows Winn Dixie to come into Gertrude's Pets with Opal.
	Chapter 12, page 82	Otis plays music for the animals because he doesn't like to see them caged all the time.
	Chapter 20, page 141	Opal invites Otis to come to the party at Gloria's house and play his music.