

AUGUST RUSH

1. Link the name of the characters with the right picture and write the correct letter for each description.

a) Hope



() She fell in love with a boy up on a roof. She got pregnant from him, but when she gives birth her father lies to her telling the baby didn't survive the delivery.

b) Lyla Novacek



() He's one of Wizard's orphans and a pre-teen street-corner guitarist. He becomes Evan's best friend accomplice, helping him running away from Maxwell.

c) Richard Jeffries



() Also known as Wizard, he is settled down with homeless children in a condemned run down theatre. He meets the musical prodigy Evan and uses him for obvious monetary gain.

d) Maxwell Wallace



() He came from Ireland and became the lead singer of a band made up of all his brothers. He fell in love with a girl, but her father didn't let them come close again.

e) Arthur



() He is a orphan who's real name is Evan Taylor. Evan grew up in an orphanage, believing his parents would come for him. He believes he got the gift of music from them.

f) August Rush



() She is the cute little girl who teaches August reading music notes. She believes he is an angel. She wants him to play in the concert and she also sings in his final composition.

g) Louis Connelly



() He works as a social service worker in the New York Child Services Department. He likes Evan and he is the one who helps Lyla finding her son as soon as possible.



2 Fill in the various blank spaces with the expressions on the table right next to this text.

A boy named Evan Taylor grows up an outcast in a home for boys, all the while believing _____. He can hear music in everything. He believes that he can hear the music from his parents. He thinks that they always _____ and get him someday.

He meets a social service worker, Richard Jeffries, of the _____. Evan tells him he does not want to be adopted.

Through a series of flashbacks, his parents are revealed to be named Lyla Novacek, _____, and Louis Connelly, an Irish guitarist and _____. They met at the same party and _____. Due to Lyla's strict father, she was unable to meet Louis where they'd agreed to. Apparently they'll never see each other again.

Lyla became pregnant with their child. Her father did not approve of this, wanting instead for Lyla to _____. After an argument with her father, Lyla ran out of a restaurant and was hit by a car. While in the hospital, she gave birth to a son. When she wakes, _____. Unbeknownst to her, the baby survived and her father had forged her signature on the adoption papers.

Evan has a very strong faith that if he could learn to play the music he will have a chance to be found by his parents. He believes that _____. So he runs away to NY. He meets Arthur, a pre-teen street-corner guitarist. He follows Arthur home and is taken in by Maxwell "Wizard" Wallace, who _____, teaching and employing them to play music on the streets and taking a large cut of their tips. Wizard gives Evan the name "August Rush", convincing him he will be sent back to the orphanage if _____.

Lyla only discovers that her son is alive when her father, _____, confesses what actually happened. Lyla immediately sets out to NY to look for her now 12-year-old son. Louis, meanwhile, discovers Lyla's in Chicago, and quits his job to go there, _____.

Once in an inner-city church, Evan again impresses with his _____ and is brought to the Juilliard School. He excels at his studies, and a work he composes is chosen to be performed by the _____ at a concert in Central Park.

Meanwhile, Lyla has discovered Evan's identity through Jeffries, and has decided to stay in New York _____. While there, she is invited to play in the same Central Park concert. Louis also returns to NY and has a chance meeting with Evan. He _____ give up in his music and not to miss his concert.

At the night of the concert _____ to go performing at his concert. After his own concert with his band at a local nightclub, Louis sees Evan's pseudonym along with Lyla's name _____, and races on foot to Central Park.

Evan conducts his rhapsody, attracting both Lyla and Louis _____, where they meet and reconcile. Lyla also realizes that August is her son, Evan. At its conclusion, when Evan turns around to see Lyla and Louis _____, he knows that he is reunited with his mother and father _____.

- a) have a successful career
- b) without the obstacle of a child
- c) a famous teenage concert cellist
- d) encourages him not to
- e) on his deathbed
- f) lead singer of a rock band
- g) New York Child Services Department
- h) on a sign billing the concert
- i) natural music talent
- j) her father infers that the child didn't make it
- k) houses various orphans and runaways
- l) his real name is ever discovered
- m) wanted him and would come
- n) New York Philharmonic
- o) to the front of the crowd
- p) standing hand in hand
- q) at last
- r) that his parents are alive
- s) they will hear him
- t) Evan finally chooses to run from Wizard
- u) while searching for her son
- v) spent a romantic night together
- w) hoping to reconcile

