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Book Club Discussion Questions

1. What did you like most about the book?
2. What did you like least?
3. Was the ending a surprise to you? Why or why not?
4. What plot element surprised you the most?
5. What was the biggest red herring for you? Why did it throw you off?
6. Who was your favorite character? Why?
7. Who was your least favorite character? Why?
8. If there was a supernatural or horror element to the story, how was it used? Was it a metaphor for something else? (Many times, “undead” elements like ghosts, vampires, or zombies are metaphors for things that haunt us in our own lives.) Why or why not?
9. Were there any plot twists that stumped you? If so, which ones?
10. Did this book remind you of a different story (a different book or movie)? What did it remind you of and why?
11. If you could change something about the story, what would it be? Why?
12. Were there questions left unanswered that you just can't stop thinking about?
13. What three words would you use to best describe this book.
14. What was your favorite moment in the book? Your least favorite?
15. What do you think the purpose of this book was? What ideas or themes was the book trying to get across?
16. In what ways did the main character's emotional journey mirror the supernatural elements of the plot? (If there were supernatural elements.) Were there any aspects of the plot that highlighted or contrasted the main character's growth as a character?
17. Was the location fictionalized or real? How did it impact the story for you? If it was real, would you have preferred a fictionalized location and vice versa?
18. “Things are never as they seem.” This is one of my favorite themes. Was there anything you initially thought was one way, but it turned out to be something else?
19. “Choose your own adventure.” Another of my favorite themes. You can choose to believe the supernatural element, or you can choose to accept the “realistic” explanation. Which did you choose to believe and why?
20. If you got the chance to ask me as the author of this book one question, what would it be?