

Ghost Gifts

READERS' GUIDE

1. How does Aubrey's past contribute to her gift, and her willingness to be open about it? Do you think growing up in a carnival atmosphere was a positive or negative influence? How would her childhood have been different if Charley hadn't been accepting of her gift?

2. Conversely, how do you think the unusual, unstructured life of a carnival atmosphere added to her desire for "a normal life" as an adult? Was it more or less of a factor than her psychic gift?

3. How do Aubrey's interactions with the ghosts in the book show us who she is as a person?

4. How does Aubrey's early life influence her choice of a significant other? Owen and Levi are very different people. Is it curious that she'd choose men with such complete personality extremes? How does Aubrey's overall secret-keeping influence relationships with everyone in her life?

5. Compared to Aubrey's gift, how does Levi's sudden involvement in the Missy Flannigan story influence Aubrey's involvement? Do you think she would have gotten as entangled if Levi wasn't assigned the story?

6. Why do you think the author included Missy Flannigan's point of view in certain scenes? How did it influence your perceptions of Missy? Were you surprised by her actions and motivations? How did you feel about Missy's circumstances?

7. How did you view Dustin Byrd's role in the story? Who was the more culpable character, Dustin or Frank Delacort?

8. While Frank has a questionable and volatile past, did you find his character sympathetic? Why or why not?

9. Who was a greater factor in bringing Levi and Aubrey together—Missy Flannigan or Levi's ghostly brother, Brody? Did your reaction or feelings about Levi change during the course of the novel?

10. What does it tell us about Levi and Aubrey's characters that it took outside catalysts (in the form of Missy and Brody) to get them to connect with one another?

11. What drew you along most in the story: Aubrey's gift, the discovery of Missy Flannigan's murderer, or the possible romance between Levi and Aubrey?

12. Did you feel all the characters in *Ghost Gifts* met with a satisfactory end? Which character changed the most during the course of the book?

Do you think Aubrey and Levi were happier than where they started?

13. How do you feel about the possibility of communicating with the dead? By the end of the novel, did your feelings change?



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