

the PROMISE of *Lost THINGS*

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DISCUSSION GUIDE



1. Do you believe in ghosts? Have you ever had what you'd consider a supernatural experience?
2. Even though their parents were “ghost hunters,” Mari uses a Ouija board to try to contact her grandmother. Why do you think she made this decision and do you think Asher was right in standing his ground in that scene?
3. Willow believes that mediums should work to free spirits from existing as ghosts rather than to serve humans who want to contact them. What are your thoughts on that?
4. Russ and Ian have a very different dynamic than do Russ and Asher. Which feels like a healthier relationship for Russ?
5. Russ wants change to come to St. Hilaire but he's hesitant to step into the role of leader. Do you think he will move past his fears or try to find another way to exert his influence on St. Hilaire?
6. How did your perception of Ian change throughout the course of the book?
7. Asher has a very complicated relationship with his parents. Do you believe they should try to repair it, given the way the book ends?
8. Russ also has complicated relationships with his parents. He's incredibly close to his father although he is keeping secrets from him. His mother has asked for no contact. Do you think there is anything he should address with either of them at the end of the book?
9. Ian has been keeping many things from Russ. Do you agree with his decision to do so? Would things have played out differently if Ian had been transparent with Russ from the start?
10. Do you think Ian's actions at the end were justified? Did Clive Rice and Willow Rogers deserve the punishment they received?
11. How differently do you think St. Hilaire will operate after the end of the book compared to how the town has functioned under Clive Rice and the Guild?
12. Do you think it is more effective to try and reform a corrupt organization like the Guild from the inside, or do you think it is better to push for reform from outside?