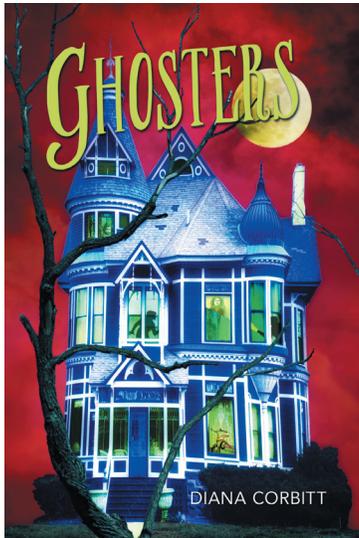




Reading Guide



Ghosters

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When twelve-year-old Theresa Martinez's mom dies, money problems force her family to move into her dead grandmother's creepy old mansion. Immediately, strange things start to happen. At her new school, Theresa meets Kerry, a ghost obsessed girl who invites herself over. Along with Joey, who has Asperger's, the kids embark on a ghosthunting adventure using Kerry's ghost chasing equipment that leads to being a part of a paranormal reality show and unexpected family secrets.

From the Author

Ghosters is a combination of things I love: ghost stories, mysteries, and reality shows where people search for ghosts, a phenomenon I hope to experience some day. I submitted the first ten pages to a writing conference hoping an editor would give me some pointers. Instead of an editor, I got Geniffer Choldenko, the author of *Al Capone Does My Shorts*. Geniffer has an autistic sister, so she really pointed me in the right direction when it comes to Joey.

Discussion Questions

1. Name two reasons Theresa wants to win the Ghosters contest.
2. There are many themes in this book—friendship, forgiveness, courage, determination. Which themes resonated with you the most?
3. The unique relationship between Theresa and Kerry is explored throughout the novel. To what extent do the relationships between Theresa and Joey differ? Are there any ways in which they are similar?
4. How is Theresa's relationship with Dad different from his relationship with Joey? Why do you think that is?
5. Should Theresa have submitted their video to the contest without her dad's permission? Why or why not?
6. Should Theresa forgive her parents for not telling her about Isabel? Why or why not?
7. How does Joey's Asperger's Syndrome effect his relationship with Theresa?
8. How would the story be different if Joey didn't have Asperger's?
9. Would Joey be a good narrator? Why or why not?



10. Would you like to hunt for ghosts? Why or why not?
11. Of the three main characters, Theresa, Kerry, and Joey, which are you most like and why? Which are you least like?
12. Joey is obsessed with learning about insects. Is there a subject you're extremely interested in? What is it and what makes it so fascinating?

About the Author

Diana Corbitt is a retired elementary school teacher who has lived her entire life in northern California. She has two sons who, although grown up and out of the house, still live nearby. Ever since she was a kid she loved to be scared, either by movies or books. She started writing her first story in sixth grade. That one never got past six pages, but now that she's retired she can't stop writing. Her work has appeared in *Bewildering Stories* and *Encounters Magazine*. She had a podcast on *Manor House* and one of her short stories was published in the anthology *Wax and Wane: A Gathering of Witch Tales*. When she's not trying to scare herself silly, Diana enjoys working with stained glass, travel, and going to the movies. They don't all have to be scary. Just not chick flicks.