



Press Kit + Discussion Guide



ABOUT THE BOOK

Twelve-year-old Hazel Woods has always had an unusual knack for sleuthing. When she not-so-accidentally overhears her brother, Den, planning to sneak into the cemetery at night for an epic game of hide-and-seek, she decides to secretly tag along. This seems like the perfect opportunity to investigate the claims that the cemetery is haunted. But the moment the game ends, everyone realizes her brother's best friend, Everett, is missing. It's as if he just... vanished. Hazel and Den are determined to find Everett before it's too late. But as they begin to unravel the terrifying clues that started appearing since that night in the graveyard, they discover Everett needs more than search parties and scent-tracking dogs to find him, especially if his disappearance is tied to the history of the cemetery and the lost, century-old spirits that might still be trapped there...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Lindsay Currie lives in Chicago, Illinois, with her husband and three kids. She loves coffee, Halloween, Disney World, and things that go bump in the night! She is the author of *Scratch Scratch*, *What Lives in the Woods*, *The Girl in White*, and *The Peculiar Incident on Shady Street*. Visit her online at lindsaycurrie.com

PRAISE and HONORS for Lindsay's Books

"A teeth-chattering, eyes bulging, shuddering-and-shaking, chills-at-the-back-of-your-neck ghost story. I loved it!" —R. L. Stine, author of the *Goosebumps* series

"*Scratch Scratch* brims with eerie thrills and nail-biting chills that are sure to keep readers turning pages. Don't dare read this at night!" —Kate Hannigan, author of *Cape*, book one in *The League of Secret Heroes* series

"The historical details are fascinating... Mary Downing Hahn fans will enjoy this just-right blend of history and spooky." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"A spine-tingling blend of hauntings and history." —*Publishers Weekly*

"Currie...throws all the frightfully fun trappings of haunted-house tales at readers, who will soak up the stormy nights, town rumors, exploding light bulbs, creeping shadows, unsettling whispers... light horror for larger collections." —*Booklist*

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“40 Most-Anticipated Middle Grade Novels” —Pop Goes the Reader
"A 2020 A Mighty Girl Best Book of the Year" —A Mighty Girl
“20 Most Anticipated Middle Grade Novels of 2020” —Literacious
Bank Street Best Children’s Books of the Year List
Friends of American Writers Young People’s Literature Award Winner
Rebecca Caudill Young Readers’ Book Award Nominee
Illinois Reads Literacy Program Selection
Kansas NEA Reading Circle Recommended Title (TOP Pick)
Lectio Book Award Nominee
William Allen White Children's Book Award Winner
Indiana Young Hoosier Book Award Longlist
Tennessee Volunteer State Book Award Nominee
South Carolina Children’s Book Award Nominee
Pennsylvania's Young Readers Choice list for 2023–2024
CBC’s Children’s and Young Adult Favorites Award 2023 List
Iowa Children's Choice Award Nominee
South Carolina Junior Book Award Nominee
Nutmeg Book Award Nominee
Missouri Readers Award Nominee

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The graveyard in *It Found Us* has a reputation for being haunted. Are there any places like that in your city or town? Why do people think it's haunted?
2. Hazel loves solving mysteries and says she has a "puzzle brain." Do you have any hobbies or skills that make you happy?
3. During the book, Hazel's opinion of her parents seems to change. She becomes more understanding. Why do you think that is?
4. Den feels guilty for what happened to his best friend, Everett. Have you ever felt guilty for something, and if so, how did you fix it?
5. Hazel and Den's relationship changes over the course of the book. Why do you think that is, and are there any signs that they might be kinder to each other in the future?
6. Den believes Everett was taken from the graveyard from the very beginning. Hazel eventually believes that, too. What evidence makes them both come to that conclusion?
7. Maggie, Den, and Hazel have very different personalities, but they all have strengths that help them solve the case. What are those strengths?
8. Which character in *It Found Us* is most like you and why?
9. Why does Hazel change the name of her podcast at the end?
10. At the beginning of the book, Hazel does not feel the adults in her life take her seriously. Have you ever felt that way? How did you handle it?
11. If you could ask any of the characters in *It Found Us* a question, who and what would it be?