

Online Book Club

The Mystery at Hilton Head Island

TALK ABOUT IT!

1. Would you like to live in an island/beach community? Why or why not? Think about the fact that there would be a lot of tourists coming and going. Would that bother you, or would you like that?
2. In the mystery, the kids climb to the top of the Harbour Town Lighthouse. Describe the view they must have seen from the top. Would you like to climb to the top of the lighthouse, even if it was about 100 steps to the top?
3. The kids all wore PFDs when on board Captain Amber's boat. Can you think of reasons why everyone should wear PFDs on boats even if they can swim?
4. Avery says that her stomach sort of hurt when she sensed John's anxiety about the emails he was getting. Has your stomach ever hurt when you were afraid or worried about something?
5. John decides to describe the sights, sounds, and smells of a battle at Fort Howell when he visits the fort with the kids. Did the battle come alive to you? Was that a better way to describe a battle than just using dry facts? Why or why not?
6. Were you surprised to see John's role change at the end of the mystery? Were you surprised to learn who actually wrote the clues?
7. What was your favorite part of the mystery? Why? What did you think was the scariest part?
8. Who was your favorite character in the story? Why did you like that person so much? Would you like to be friends with them in real life? Why?

