



City of Ghosts

By Victoria Schwab

Junior Tome It List Discussion Guide



Pre-reading questions:

1. Do you believe in ghosts? Why or why not?
2. What are some famous ghost stories with which you are familiar?
3. Have you or someone you know ever had a near-death experience? What can you remember about it?
4. Do you think we all have some sort of purpose in life? What do you think yours might be?

Post-reading questions:

1. How does the setting of the story contribute to the plot? How would the story be different if it took place in a younger city?
2. Given that Cassidy's parents make their living off of ghost-hunting, why do you think Victoria Schwab chose for Cassidy's parents to not believe in Jacob?
3. Throughout the story, Jacob can read Cassidy's mind. How does this impact their friendship with one another? Would you ever want the power to read other people's minds?
4. Do you think that Cassidy should "send Jacob on?" Why or why not?
5. What do all of the ghosts that Cassidy encounters seem to have in common?
6. At the end of the story, Lara warns Cassidy that the longer Jacob is on Earth, the more powerful he will become. Is this a bad thing? What could this mean for the future of their friendship??

Post-reading Activities

1. City of Ghosts takes place in Edinburgh, Scotland. Create an infographic about the city of Edinburgh for people who would want to plan a vacation there. Follow the guidelines at tomesociety.org/competitions.html to enter it into the Tome Infographic competition.
2. Write a piece of fanfiction from the perspective of one of the ghosts in the story the moment they realized they were dead. Follow the guidelines to enter it into the Tome Fan Fiction competition.
3. Victoria Schwab vividly describes the Raven in Red. Using this description, create a piece of fan art depicting her character. Think of how you could tell her story visually. Follow the guidelines to enter it into the Tome Fan Art competition.

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