



Midnight at the Barclay Hotel

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Club Tome It List Discussion Guide

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Pre-reading questions

1. Do you believe in ghosts? Have you ever been somewhere that was said to be haunted?
2. Midnight at the Barclay Hotel is a mystery story. Do you like to read mysteries? What are the main parts of a story that make it a mystery?
3. JJ wins an all expenses paid trip to the Barclay Hotel. If you could win a free vacation anywhere, where would you like to go? Why would you choose that destination?

Post-reading questions

1. Who were your favorite and least favorite characters? Why?
2. What was your reaction to the revelation of each character's potential motive for being upset with Mr. Barclay?
3. Did the illustrations scattered throughout the book help you envision the scenes and characters? Or would you rather leave it all up to your own imagination?
4. As you were reading the book, who did you predict to be the one who poisoned Mr. Barclay? Did your predictions change as you kept reading?
5. Do you think JJ did the right thing by hiding his grades from his parents? What would you have done in his situation?
6. There are two big twists - one about Mr. Barclay and one about Emma. Did you see either of these twists coming? What was your reaction when these twists were revealed?
7. How did you feel about the ending of the book? Would you change anything?

Post-reading activities

1. Did you know there are real ghost-hunting businesses? Do some research on ghost hunting and the tools these people use, such as the EMF machine that JJ uses in the book. Showcase what you find in an infographic or presentation.
2. Midnight at the Barclay Hotel would make a great movie. Create a book trailer showcasing the book. Follow the guidelines at tomesociety.org/competitions and enter your finished product into the Book Trailer competition.
3. The kids create an investigation board as they are narrowing down the suspects. Create what you think this looked like in a piece of fan art. Follow the guidelines and enter your finished project into the Fan Art competition.

More About This Book

Author's Website: www.ftbradley.com

Publisher's Discussion Guide:

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/f5213fe076124378a3116842b8075be0?AccessKeyId=4ED3B3DEA8E93A46B86D&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

Book Club Questions:

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/9524354b39c1a65c8e27d79c1319f09f?AccessKeyId=4ED3B3DEA8E93A46B86D&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

Fun activities: <http://www.ftbradley.com/kids.html>