

## The Night She Disappeared by April Henry — Discussion Questions



### *Before Reading*

- If someone you knew was kidnapped but you found out that you were the one the kidnapper actually wanted, how would that make you feel? (Guilty that someone was suffering in your place? Scared that the kidnapper would come back to get you?) How would you deal with it?
- If one of your friends or family members disappeared, how long do you think you would look for them or expect to find them alive?
- If you were being held captive, how do you think you would behave to your captor? Would you fight every step of the way? Would you be submissive and then look for an escape when you were alone? Would you just give up?
- Do you believe in psychics? Why or why not? Do you agree that law enforcement should consult psychics when there are no other leads?

### *After Reading*

- Kayla chose to watch the TV series *24* when she was being held captive. What show would you choose to watch under the same circumstances? Why?
- Drew often refers to himself negatively (whitetrash, stoner, c-student, etc.) Do you think he is being too hard on himself? Why or why not?
- The author never really tells us why the kidnapper specifically wanted Gabie. Why do you think the kidnapper wanted Gabie instead of Kayla?
- Do you think Gabie's relationship with her parents is typical in today's society of working families? What is realistic about their relationship? What is unrealistic about their relationship?