

HANNAH EDWARDS

SECRETS OF RIVERWAY

BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS



Hannah Edwards Secrets of Riverway
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- 1** Discuss the mystery elements of the book.
 - A.** What is the motive?
 - B.** What is the crime?
 - C.** Who is the villain?
 - D.** How is it solved?
- 2** The small town of Riverway may seem like a ghost town, but Hannah says “it’s more like a zombie town.” (p. 6)
 - A.** Describe Riverway through Hannah’s eyes.
 - B.** How do the other residents feel about Riverway?
 - C.** What would a tourist think driving through the town?
- 3*** Hannah Edwards has a lot on her mind.
 - A.** What activities and/or tasks come easily to Hannah?
 - B.** What activities and/or tasks are challenging for Hannah to begin?
 - C.** Do you relate to Hannah Edwards? Why or why not?
- 4*** The novel highlights neurodiversity through the lens of Hannah Edwards. Neurodiversity emphasizes that all brains are unique.
 - A.** What is the first hint that Hannah is neurodiverse and has ADHD?
 - B.** Why is it important to have neurodiverse characters in literature?

*For a more in-depth discussion on this topic, visit [Hannah-Edwards.com/resources](https://www.hannah-edwards.com/resources) to download our free Neurodiversity Discussion Guide by Dawn Jacob Martin, PhD

- 5** Sam Castillo is Hannah’s best friend.
 - A.** Describe their friendship.
 - B.** What does Sam tell Hannah that kicks off the investigation?
 - C.** What is Sam’s Ghost Theory?
 - D.** Discuss their friendship with Tim the Hall Monitor.
- 6** Hannah’s journal is an important part of the story.
 - A.** What role does Hannah’s journal play in the story?
 - B.** Why is the journal important as Hannah investigates her father’s disappearance?
 - C.** Discuss the importance of privacy.
 - D.** At what point does Hannah realize her privacy has been betrayed?
- 7** Ghosts are also an important part of the story. Hannah’s dad once told her that he skipped school because he was afraid of the schoolyard ghosts.
 - A.** Discuss the following quote: “Ghosts don’t mean to scare you. If you ever see one, know that they are talking to you because they trust you to be nice enough to help them go home.” (p. 37)
 - B.** How does Hannah facilitate her dad’s ghost’s journey?
 - C.** Explain how it helps Hannah in her grieving process.
- 8** Discuss what Hannah means when she says, “Whoever said victory is sweet is wrong. Some victories are overcooked and bitter.” (p. 225)
- 9** Think about the characters in *Hannah Edwards Secrets of Riverway*.
 - A.** If you were to pick one character who is most like you, who would it be and why?
 - B.** If you were to pick one character who is most unlike you, who would it be and why?
 - C.** Which character from the book would you want as your friend, and why?

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