

A DISCUSSION GUIDE for *The Liar Society*

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Since when do the dead send emails?

Kate Lowry's best friend Grace died a year ago. So when she gets an email from her, Kate's more than a little confused.

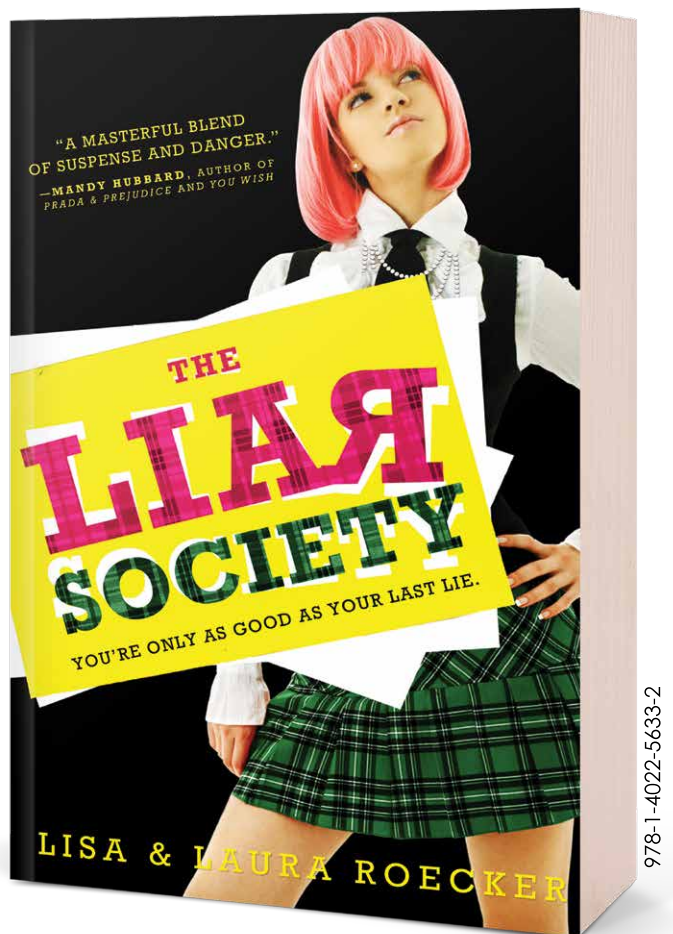
To: KateLowry@pemberlybrown.edu
From: GraceLee@pemberlybrown.edu
Subject: (no subject)

Kate,
I'm here... sort of.
Find Cameron. He knows.
I shouldn't be writing.
Don't tell. They'll hurt you.

Now Kate has no choice but to prove once and for all that Grace's death was more than just a tragic accident. She teams up with a couple of knights-in-(not-so)-shining armor—the dangerously hot bad boy, Liam, and her love-struck neighbor, Seth. But at their elite private school, there are secrets so big people will do anything to protect them even if it means getting rid of anyone trying to solve a murder...

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 Describe Kate, Grace, and Maddie's relationship before Grace's death.
How did their relationship change after the tragedy?
Can you relate?
- 2 Certain students at Pemberly Brown are above the law.
Have you ever been in a situation where the rules didn't apply to someone?
How did it make you feel?
Do you believe there is ever a time when someone shouldn't have to follow rules?
- 3 Seth is extremely loyal to Kate no matter how she treats him.
Why do you think Kate takes advantage of Seth? Do you think it's fair?
Describe a time when you saw someone taken advantage of.
- 4 Pemberly Brown Academy is a character in and of itself.
Describe the setting of Pemberly Brown.
- 5 Pemberly Brown is very rich with tradition.
Why do you think students perform Sacramenta?
Can you describe a tradition from your own life that is important to you?
- 6 Why do you think Kate decides to wear Grace's pearls?
What do you think they symbolize?
- 7 Describe Kate's relationship with Liam.
Why isn't Kate completely honest with Liam about her investigation?
What is stopping her from letting him in?
- 8 Guilt and regret almost destroyed Kate.
Why does she feel responsible for Grace's death?

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- 9** Do you think she should take any blame? Have you ever felt guilty?
Discuss the difference between Kate before Grace's death and Kate after.
Do you believe she's changed for the good or the bad?
How do you think Grace would feel about the way her friend changed?
- 10** How might things have been different if Maddie had died instead of Grace?
How do you think the story would have changed?
Would Kate have reacted in the same way?
- 11** How do you feel about the Grace's last email to Kate?
Who do you think it's from? Why?
- 12** Kate's relationship with her parents is strained.
Do you think things would have been different if her parents were more involved?
Why don't you think her parents are more supportive?
- 13** Bethany and Taylor are members of the popular crowd.
How do you think they got there?
Why do you think there are popular and unpopular people?
Do cliques have to exist?
- 14** Describe Kate's relationship with Bradley Farrow.
Have you ever felt attracted to someone who was not a good person?
- 15** At the end of the book, Kate declines Taylor's invitation to be a member of the Sisterhood but promises to seek justice for Grace.
Do you think she'll be able to accomplish this? How?

Enrich your book discussion group with these discussion questions and delve deeper into the issues presented in *The Liar Society*. The guide is free and may be printed out or photocopied for use in the classroom, library, bookstore, or at home.