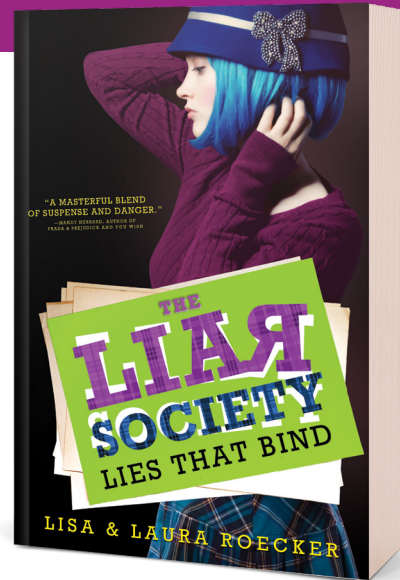


The Lies That Bind by Lisa & Laura Roecker Discussion Guide

Everyone's favorite neon-haired detective is at it again when one of the most popular girls at Pemberly Brown goes missing. Kate Lowry realizes soon enough that this disappearance is tied to the secret societies that rule her private school—only not in the way everyone thinks. As if it's not hard enough to find a missing girl, Kate is forced to team up with the one person she has worked so hard to avoid—not to mention the one person with the potential to come between her and Liam. As usual, Kate has her hands full searching for the truth amidst many layers of lies. After all, things are never what they seem at Pemberly Brown.



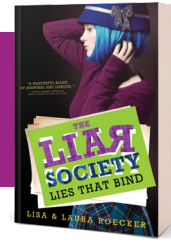
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. The president of the Pemberly Brown school board has threatened to punish anyone participating in the Sacramentums that make PB so famous. Do you agree with the new rule? Why do you think it was instituted?
2. Taylor Wright and Kate have a rocky history. Why do you think Kate agrees to help her? Have you ever had to work together with someone you don't necessarily get along with? What was the experience like?
3. Liam wants Kate to stay away from all things related to the secret societies and Kate ultimately betrays his trust. Why does she do it? Have you ever betrayed someone you loved? What impact did it have on your relationship?
4. How do the stations play a role in this book? What do they represent? Why are they important?

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- 5.** The Farrow family has been advocating for Conventus for as long as anyone can remember. Do you think Conventus is a good idea? What would happen if the societies joined together? What would happen if they continued separately? How do you think Pemberly Brown's secret societies could best exist, if at all?
- 6.** Why do you think Kate decides to dye her hair and wear Grace's pearls again? What is she trying to accomplish? Have you ever altered your appearance for a specific reason? Were you successful?
- 7.** Compare and contrast Taylor and Kate. What makes them different? What makes them the same? Why do you think Taylor is the way she is? Why do you think Kate is the way she is?
- 8.** Throughout the course of the book, Kate is motivated by the idea of keeping Grace's memory alive. How does she attempt to do this? Do you think she's successful? How have you tried to keep someone's memory alive? Why is it important?
- 9.** Why do you think Kate drafts emails to Grace even though her friend is gone? Do you think there is any merit in writing feelings down?
- 10.** At Pemberly Brown, there is a constant battle for power between the girls and the boys, men and women. Why do you think this is? Have you ever felt at odds with the opposite sex? How did you come to terms with this?
- 11.** Bradley Farrow admits to leaving items of Grace's for Kate when he felt like she needed them the most. Why do you think this frustrated Kate? How did you feel when you discovered it was Bradley? Does this redeem Bradley's character at all?
- 12.** Kate thinks she sees people who aren't really there throughout the story. Do you think they are visions or are they real? What role does Grace play in this story? Do you think she has a supernatural hand in anything?
- 13.** Seth is one of Kate's best friends but she has a difficult time treating him as such. In fact, she can barely thank him for his constant help. Why do we sometimes treat the people we love the most with the least respect? Describe a person in your life you find difficult to appreciate.
- 14.** At the end of the book there is a transfer of power from Headmaster Sinclair to Officer D./Headmistress Caywood. How will Pemberly Brown's new leadership change the school? What will happen to Headmaster Sinclair?
- 15.** Do you think Grace would be proud of Kate's decision to join the Sisterhood? What do you think is her motive? Do you think she'll succeed?

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