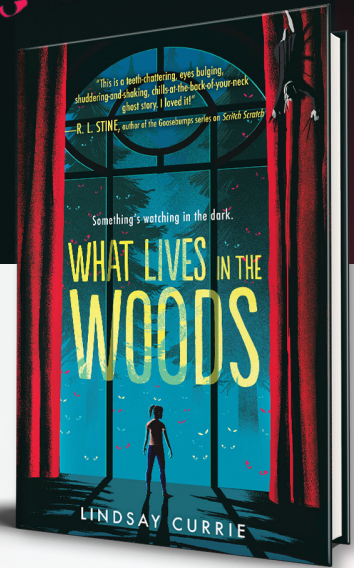


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ABOUT THE BOOK

From the author of *Scritch Scratch* comes a chilling ghost story about a girl living in a decrepit and creepy mansion who discovers the something in the woods might be after her.

All Ginny Anderson wants is to relax and enjoy her summer. But when Ginny's father surprises the family with a month-long trip to Michigan, her plans change for the worse. Especially because they aren't staying in a normal hotel, they'll be living in and restoring the century-old Woodmoor Manor.

When they arrive, Ginny is immediately spooked by the creepy house and the rumors of what lurks in the surrounding woods. Legend says the forest is inhabited by prowling creatures that prey on campers who are never seen again.

Ginny can't shake the feeling that there's something wrong with the house as well. Shadowy figures, a strange ticking sound in the walls, and a mannequin that has a mind of its own all converge to make a terrifying stay. As Ginny investigates, she learns that there's more than one legend roaming around, and it definitely isn't after campers... It's after her.

PRAISE FOR *WHAT LIVES IN THE WOODS*

"Currie...throws all the frightfully fun trappings of haunted-house tales at readers, who will soak up the stormy nights, town rumors, exploding light bulbs, creeping shadows, unsettling whispers... Light horror for larger collections." —*Booklist*



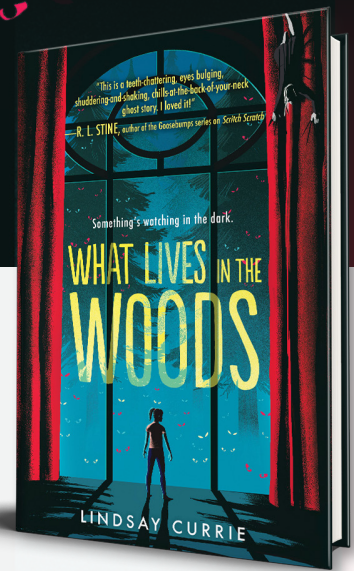
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1. Even though Ginny is disappointed about spending part of her summer in Michigan, she still demonstrates love and respect for her family throughout the book. What are some examples of this?
2. Will and Ginny develop a friendship quickly. Why do you think they get along so well?
3. If you had to describe Ginny Anderson in three words, which words would you choose and why?
4. Leo and Ginny don't always get along, but they're always there for each other when it matters. Can you think of any examples of this?
5. Leo tells Ginny it's okay to be afraid and it's also okay to ask for help. Can you think of a time when you asked for help even though you were worried about it and everything worked out okay?
6. Ginny wants to be a famous mystery writer someday. Can you see this goal reflected in any of her actions?
7. Which character do you feel you are most like in *What Lives in the Woods*? Unlike?
8. If you could be friends with anyone from the book, who would it be and why?
9. Do you think legends like The Hitchikers could be harmful even if they seem silly? Explain.
10. Ginny loves to research and uncover the truth about things. Although sometimes she gets overexcited and jumps to conclusions. Has this ever happened to you before and did you learn anything from the experience?
11. Would you want to stay in Woodmoor manor? Why or why not?