

BAD GIRLS DON'T DIE - BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**** WARNING: contains spoilers!**

The Characters & Story

- ☒ At first glance, most people would agree that Alexis is a “bad girl”—she’s judgmental and insolent and acts out; but she’s also funny, sensitive, and smart—what’s your interpretation of the contrast? How is this portrayed in the book?
- ☒ Does Alexis remind you of any other female (or male) protagonists?
- ☒ Why is Carter so drawn to Alexis, when a relationship with her would clearly complicate his life?
- ☒ Carter and Megan seem to have the perfect life, but just below the surface, they each have secrets. Are they more likeable as characters once their weaknesses are revealed? How do you think these secrets becoming public knowledge would affect their status at school?
- ☒ Which character are/were you most like? What crowd would you be in if you were a Surrey High student?
- ☒ Which character did you find most believable? Most appealing? Whom would you like to get to know better?

The Ideas

- ☒ Alexis and Kasey’s parents, Claire and Darrell, are portrayed as distracted adults who aren’t very involved in their daughters’ lives. Are they to blame for Kasey’s relationship with Sarah? What are some of the warning signs they might have seen? Should parents be held accountable when their children fall in with a “bad” crowd?
- ☒ Have you ever had a relationship that changed drastically when you found out more about the person?
- ☒ Do you believe in the paranormal? Have you ever had a paranormal experience?

The Outcome

- ✖ What do you think Alexis's future relationship with the cheerleaders is going to be like? With the Doom Squad?
- ✖ Why do you think Alexis's relationship with her parents has made such a dramatic turn by the end of the book? Is this a realistic way for the book to end? Do you think there's still conflict in the Warren family?
- ✖ Is Kasey's continued confinement a judgment against her for falling victim to the ghost? Was she responsible for that relationship? What do you think her homecoming would be like?
- ✖ Was the outcome what you expected, or did you anticipate a different ending?
- ✖ Would the conclusion be more or less satisfying if Kasey were home, as opposed to still being in treatment?

The Writing

- ✖ Did you find the book scary?
- ✖ *Bad Girls Don't Die* contains no sex, drugs, swearing, or drinking. Does the lack of those elements make it less believable or realistic than other books about teens?
- ✖ Do you think of the book as being more plot-driven or character-driven?
- ✖ Were there any choices you would have made differently, if you were the author?
- ✖ What do you think is the theme or underlying message of the book?
- ✖ How does the mood of this book compare to other books you have read?

Thank you for reading *Bad Girls Don't Die*! Be sure to check out KatieAlender.com for more supplemental materials, including the author's Q&A and author's commentary.

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