

Discussion Questions

The book had a large cast of characters. Which characters did you admire or relate to and why?

Which characters' actions or inactions did you find most appalling?

The author tells two true stories across the same place and time. In what ways did Sarah and Amilia's lives seem parallel? In what ways did their lives differ? In what ways did their lives cross?

This story had many twists and turns, what surprised you most?

How do you think Sarah died? Who do you think was responsible?

What social issues brought out in the story are still relevant today?

In what ways was the title "Hidden" portrayed in the story?

For Sarah and Amelia, in what ways was justice served and not served? What would Justice look like for these two girls?

Why do you think Sarah's story got so much attention in the press? Why do you think it was downplayed by the authorities (other than Coroner Cleveland)?

Are 125-year-old unsolved crimes worth solving? What mysteries from the past or in your own family history would you like to solve?