

# STUDY GUIDE

## *The Maypop Kidnapping*

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1. How would you describe the town of Maiden Rock? Would you like to live there? Why, or why not?
2. The disappearance of Ms. Stillford has kicked Quinnie into action. When she starts to investigate, her mom and other adults tell her to “stay out of it.” Can you think of a time when you felt strongly about getting involved in something, but were told to stay out of it?
3. Quinnie misses her friend Zoe and is skeptical about the new girl Ella. How do Quinnie’s feelings about Ella change over the course of the book?
4. Quinnie’s long-time crush Ben clearly has a crush on new girl Ella. How does a developing friendship between Ben and Ella affect the developing relationship between Quinnie and Ella?
5. What is the turning point when Quinnie accepts Ella as a partner in her detective activities? What special skills or knowledge does Ella bring to their team?
6. Who is the first suspect in Ms. Stillford’s disappearance and why is this person a suspect? Are they cleared? If so, how?
7. Who is the second suspect in Ms. Stillford’s disappearance and why is this person a suspect? Are they cleared? If so how?
8. Who is the third suspect in Ms. Stillford’s disappearance and why is this person a suspect? Are they cleared? If so how?

9. Does Quinnie’s mom eventually discuss the case with her? What are her mom’s theories?
10. Does Quinnie get into trouble investigating? Does she break rules, promises, laws? What risks does Quinnie take to find Ms. Stillford?
11. When does Quinnie figure out where Ms. Stillford is? When does she figure out who kidnapped her? What is the reason she was kidnapped?
12. Which clues are red herrings? Which clues are real clues? When did you, the reader, figure out who happened to Ms. Stillford?
13. How do you know when something you see, read, or are told is true? If you question the truth of a piece of information, how do you test it?

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