

Desmond Cole, Ghost Patrol Discussion Questions:

Characters

- Andres Miedoso – a self described normal-boring kid
- Desmond Cole – Andres’ cool, brave neighbor
- Andres’ Mom & Dad – top secret government scientists
- Mrs. Cole – Desmond’s mom (a really bad cook)
- Zax – the ghost in Andres’ house

Opener Questions

- Who do you think you are most like – Andres or Desmond? Why?
- Would you rather eat a bad lasagna that made you sick, or meet a scary ghost? Why?

Discussion Questions

- What is the first thing you would do if you moved to a new house? (Explore, make friends, set up your room?) – p.1
- How do you think Desmond got all the weird gadgets that are in his garage? – p.10
- Why do you think Andres was freaked out when he met Desmond? – p.13
- Is there an item in your room that would make any place feel like home? (Andres’ is his solar system poster) – p.33
- Why do you think Kersville isn’t a normal town? Do you think it has anything to do with Andres’ parents top secret job? – p.36
- What did you think made Desmond jump when he first visited Andres’ house? Why do you think he didn’t tell Andres? – p.38
- Do you think those crazy things really happened to Andres at night, or was it a bad dream like his mom said? – p.45/49
- Would you tell your grown-up if you saw your furniture or kitchen rearrange on its own? How do you think they would react if you did? – p.58
- What do you think Desmond did to help the other kids in town? – p.71
- Why do you think the weird things keep happening when no adults are around? – p.87
- How do you think Desmond knew there was a ghost in Andres’ house? – p.91
- What would you do if you found out you were living in a haunted house? – p.94
- We’re you surprised when Andres invited the ghost to live in his basement? Would you do the same if you were him? – p.115
- Do you think Andres’ and Desmond’s parents know about their Ghost Patrol job? – p.121
- Do you think Andres’ parents will find out about the ghost living in their house? -p.119
- Do you think there are more ghosts in Kersville, or any other mysterious creatures? – p.122
- If so, why do you think people live in Kersville instead of moving away?
- Do you think Andres changed at all throughout this story? How?

The Haunted Library Discussion Questions:

Characters

- Kaz- a 9 year old ghost, haunted an old schoolhouse before being separated from his family
- Claire – a living girl around Kaz’s age, can see ghosts, lives above the library
- Little John – Kaz’s 6 year old brother (ghost)
- Cosmo – Kaz’s ghost dog
- Mom and Pops – Kaz’s parents (ghosts)
- Finn – Kaz’s big brother, disappeared with his Grandmom and Grandpop (all ghosts)
- Claire’s Mom and Dad – detectives
- Grandma Karen – Claire’s grandma, owns the library
- Beckett – an old ghost man who lives at the library

Opener Questions

- If you were a ghost, where would you like to haunt? Why?
- Would you rather be a librarian or a detective? Why?

Discussion Questions

- How do you think it makes Kaz feel that he is the only one in his family who is not good at ghost skills? Chap. 1
- Is there a skill or something that you were/are afraid to try? (e.g.-heights, learning to ride a bike, the dark?) Chap. 1
- How do you think Kaz felt when his brother and grandparents disappeared? Chap. 1
- Do you think their disappearance has anything to do with Kaz’s fear of passing through walls? If so, why? Chap. 1
- How would you feel if you were separated from your family? Chap. 2
- Would you like to live in a library like Claire’s family does? Why/Why not? Chap. 2
- What do you think is in the secret room that only Beckett goes into? Chap. 4
- How would you feel if suddenly you could see ghosts? Would you tell anyone? Chap. 4
- Why do you think most ghosts don’t like living people? Chap. 4
- Did you think that Kaz’s brother Finn was still in the library? Why/Why not? Chap. 5
- Why do you think there are so many things that Kaz has never seen before (e.g.- ceiling fan, lights, the things in Claire’s living room)? How long do you think he’s been a ghost? Chap. 5
- Kaz doesn’t sleep at night since he’s a ghost; do you think it would be fun? Why/why not? Chap. 6
- What did you think when Kaz and Beckett couldn’t see the library ghost? Chap. 8
- Would you be afraid to go to the library if a ghost was there? Chap. 8
- Who did you predict the ghost was? Were there any clues that gave you an idea? Chap. 10
- Were you surprised the ghost was Grandma Karen? Chap. 10
- How do you think Kaz feels now that he and Claire are friends? Why? Chap. 10
- Do Claire and Kaz have any special skills that you think will help them be good detectives?