

The Water Tower  
Discussion Questions

1. What do you think the significance of the last line of Chapter One is: *She was dead before she hit the ground.*
2. Was the setting of a small town in Ohio important to this book? Could it have been set anywhere?
3. What was your first impression of Josie Ashbury? Does she remind you of any real-life people today? Did you feel she was reliable as a narrator?
4. Why does Josie feel such a drive to help with Amber's case?
5. The Oldhams are powerful and, some might say, cold people. Are they more nuanced than we see at first glance? Would you like to see more of them?
6. How important are Nikki, Heather, and Alex to the story? Could they be interchanged with any group of friends?
7. What significance does mental illness have in the story?
8. Why is Sean important to Josie? Is there more than just a failed relationship between them? What will become of Sean and Josie? Would you like to see more of Sean?
9. Were there any moments when you disagreed with Josie's decisions? What would you have done differently?