

Nov Blog Sample

Book: *A Flicker in The Dark*

Character I am focusing on is: Chloe Davis

This month I read *A Flicker in the Dark* by Stacy Willingham. Chloe grew up just like any other girl. Except, her dad had a secret. He had quietly kidnapped and killed six girls in their small town Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. All she wanted was to get away, but her recently disabled mom was stopping her. So, she stayed near, and became a successful psychologist. She even got engaged to who she thought was the love of her life. Everything seemed perfect. All until two young girls went missing and were later found dead. She later ended up finding countless pieces of evidence that made her fiance extremely suspicious. Would she once again lose one of the few people she loved? Or could it be a sick stranger with a twisted mind? Chloe would have to find out the hard way.

***A Flicker in the Dark* by Stacy Willingham illustrates the theme, even the most reliable people may be keeping secrets.**

Chloe Davis realized she could never trust anyone again when she discovers her brother is a serial killer. When Chloe Davis was just 13, she found out her own father was a serial killer. But it would be years later after two young girls had gone missing that she would finally find out the truth. Her brother had stopped by after Chloe had discovered one of the girls bodies, and that's when he confessed. He was actually the one who had kidnapped and killed six girls in a small town in Louisiana. "'You killed those girls in Breaux Bridge,' I say now, looking at my brother". (Willingham 336). Chloe then realized the severity of his actions. He needed to go to jail immediately, and her dad needed to get out. Her brother explained the situation, saying he always wondered what it would feel like to hurt someone in such a horrible way, and how he craved the power he would feel. At that moment, Chloe knew trust was never again something she was going to take lightly.

Chloe Davis realized it would be hard to trust anyone again when she discovers her friend is a murderer. Before Chloe knew her brother was behind the murders of those girls in Breaux Bridge, she got a call from a New York Times reporter wanting to write an article about her father and how her family is now. At first she said no, thinking about all the other times where it just ended up making her look bad. But, over time, he convinced her, and they came pretty close. Even then, she was oblivious to the fact that he was kidnapping and later killing young teenage girls. "'It wasn't my fault,' he says at last, a dampness in his eyes. 'It wasn't.' 'It wasn't your fault,' I repeat. 'You killed two girls and it wasn't your fault.'" (Willingham 313). When Chloe found one of the girls in her old house still alive, her friend was there too, waiting for her. At first, he made it seem like he had been looking for her too, and police were on their way. But Chloe knew what a liar looked like. The police weren't

coming. He had tried to kill the missing girl.

I would rate this book a 7/10. While it had an unexpected and interesting plot twist at the end, it took a very long time to build up to it and it got very slow at some parts. I would recomend this book to people who love murder mysteries and thrillers.

Conclusion

- **Personal Reaction** - Rate the book on a scale of 1-10. Give an explanation about why you gave it that score.

REMINDERS -

- You may need multiple #3s and #5s.
- Put only one idea/sentence per #3 and #5.
- Do not use "you" or talk to the reader in formal writing!!
- **CONTEXT, CONTEXT, CONTEXT**
 - Assume the reader doesn't know the book or story. Explain ANY terms, characters, or situations that are unclear.