

Wherever She Goes Discussion Questions

by Kelley Armstrong

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Kelley Armstrong is the author of the Cainsville modern gothic series and the Casey Butler crime thrillers. Past works include Otherworld urban fantasy series, the Darkest Powers & Darkness Rising teen paranormal trilogies, the Age of Legends fantasy YA series and the Nadia Stafford crime trilogy. Armstrong lives in Ontario, Canada with her family.



Characters:

- **Aubrey “Bree” Minor Stapelton Finch** – (30) – Separated from husband, Paul. Husband has custody of their 3-year old daughter, Charlotte. Aubrey was a full-time mother, but now works part-time as a library aide. She was raised as an army dependent after her mother died when she was 2. Dropped out of MIT when her father committed suicide when Aubrey was 18. Good with mechanics and computers. Has a checkered past her husband does not know about.
- **Officer Cooper** – Police officer who takes Aubrey’s kidnapping statement. Older male.
- **Charlotte “Charlie” Finch** – Aubrey and Paul’s 3-year-old daughter. Lives with Paul.
- **Paul Finch** – Aubrey’s husband. Currently separated. He is a lawyer. Paul “always obeys the law.” Has custody of Charlotte, their 3-year-old daughter.
- **Ingrid** – Aubrey’s disapproving library supervisor
- **Officer Laila Jackson** – Police officer. Female. Cooper’s partner.
- **Elizabeth (Betsy) Kenner**– Retired social worker who was friends with Kim when she was little. Kim’s backup plan.
- **Gayle Lansing** – (39) – Paul’s new girlfriend. Partner at Paul’s law firm. Divorced with 2 kids.
- **Lynn** – Girl helping to hold Brandon
- **Kim (Lyons Mason) Mikhailov** – (23) – Woman Aubrey and Charlie meet at the park. Has a son, Brandon, around 5 years of age. Worked at a pizza place. Kim is found dead in the park.
- **Ellie Milano** – Kim’s sister.
- **Hugh Orbec** – Denis Zima’s right-hand man.
- **Ruben** – Man from Aubrey’s past who suggested hacking and other criminal activities.
- **Denis Zima** – (28) – Club owner. Denis Zima’s father and mother are part of the Russian mafia. Denis is Brandon’s father.

Discussion Questions:

1. Did you like the book? Why or why not?
2. How did you like the pacing of the novel? Did it keep your attention? Why or why not?

3. If you saw a boy being kidnapped - but no one believed you - what would you do?
4. Why do you think the police did not initially believe Aubrey? What changed Officer Jackson's mind?
5. Do you think Aubrey is a good mom? How does Aubrey's distance from the other Moms make her question her actions?
6. Do you think there is extra stigma when a mother does not have custody of her child? Why are single moms treated differently than single dads?
7. Aubrey's uncertainty about being a mother and wife caused a lot of her issues. Did she cause her own pain? What could she have done differently?
8. How did Aubrey's past secrets derail her life? What could she have done to avoid it?
9. How did avoiding computers help Aubrey distance herself from her former life? Did avoiding mechanical things hurt Aubrey's current life? If yes, how?
10. How did Aubrey's library job affect her? Why do you think her coworkers didn't like her/support her?
11. Do you think Aubrey's course of action was right or wrong? Why do you think she could not let the situation go, even when it started disrupting her life? What should she have done?
12. How do you feel about Paul? Did you like him? Hate him? Understand him?
13. Was Hugh Orbek a "good guy" or a "bad guy"? What makes you think that? Did your opinion change over the course of the book?
14. Who do you think killed Kim? Why?
15. Did you like the ending of the book? What about the "extreme co-parenting" solution? Was it believable?
16. What genre should this book be placed in? Mystery book? Thriller? Romance?
17. Kelley Armstrong has written other books. Will you read any of them?

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Kelley Armstrong's Books

Series

Women of the Otherworld

- 0.9. Becoming (2010)
- 1. Bitten (2001)
- 2. Stolen (2002)
- 3. Dime Store Magic (2004)
- 4. Industrial Magic (2004)
- 5. Haunted (2005)
- 5.2. Chaotic (2012)
- 6. Broken (2006)
- 7. No Humans Involved (2007)
- 8. Personal Demon (2008)
- 9. Living with the Dead (2008)
- 9.3. Angelic (2009)
- 10. Frost Bitten (2009)
- 10.2. Hidden (2011)
- 10.3. Counterfeit Magic (2010)
- 10.6. Forbidden (2012)
- 10.7. Amityville Horrible (2012)
- 11. Waking the Witch (2010)
- 12. Spellbound (2011)
- 13. Thirteen (2012)
- 13.4. Brazen (2013)
- 13.5. Forsaken (2014)
- 13.6. Driven (2015)

Otherworld Omnibus

- 1. Werewolves (2012)
- 2. Spellcasters (2013)
- Witch Magic (2004)
- The Hunter and the Hunted (2012)

Nadia Stafford

- 1. Exit Strategy (2007)
- 2. Made to Be Broken (2009)
- 3. Wild Justice (2013)

- 3.5. Double Play (2016)

Darkest Powers

- 0.5. Hunting Kat (2012)
- 1. The Summoning (2008)
- 2. The Awakening (2009)
- 3. The Reckoning (2010)
- Darkest Powers Tales (2015)

Otherworld Tales

- 1. Men of the Otherworld (2009)
- 2. Tales of the Otherworld (2010)
- 3. Otherworld Nights (2014)
- 4. Otherworld Secrets (2015)
- 5. Otherworld Chills (2016)

Darkness Rising

- 1. The Gathering (2011)
- 2. The Calling (2011)
- 3. The Rising (2013)
- 3.1. Atoning (2015)

Omens and Shadows / Cainsville

- 1. Omens (2013)
- 2. Visions (2014)
- 3. Deceptions (2015)
- 4. Betrayals (2016)
- 5. Rituals (2017)

Age of Legends

- 1. Sea of Shadows (2014)
- 2. Empire of Night (2015)
- 3. Forest of Ruin (2016)

City of the Lost Serialization

1. City of the Lost: Part One (2015)
2. City of the Lost: Part Two (2015)
3. City of the Lost: Part Three (2015)
4. City of the Lost: Part Four (2015)
5. City of the Lost: Part Five (2015)
6. City of the Lost: Part Six (2015)

Cainsville Stories

1. Lost Souls (2016)
 2. Rough Justice (2018)
 3. Cruel Fate (2019)
- Portents: Cainsville Tales (2018)

Casey Duncan

1. City of the Lost (2016)
2. A Darkness Absolute (2017)
3. This Fallen Prey (2018)
4. Watcher in the Woods (2019)
5. Alone in the Wild (2020)
6. A Stranger in Town (2021)
7. The Deepest of Secrets (2022)

Stand Alone Novels

- The Masked Truth (2015)
- Missing (2017)
- Indigo (2017) (with multiple authors)
- Aftermath (2018)
- Wherever She Goes (2019)
- Every Step She Takes (2020)
- A Rip Through Time (2022)

Otherworld: Kate & Logan

1. Wolf's Bane (2019)
2. Wolf's Curse (2020)

Royal Guide to Monster Slaying

1. A Royal Guide to Monster Slaying (2019)
2. The Gryphon's Lair (2020)
3. The Serpent's Fury (2021)
4. The Final Trial (2022)

Stitch in Time

1. A Stitch in Time (2020)
 2. A Twist of Fate (2021)
 3. A Turn of the Tide (2022)
- Ballgowns & Butterflies (2021)
Snowstorms & Sleigh Bells (2021)

Dreaming Darkness

1. Dreaming Darkness: Vol. One (2020)
2. Dreaming Darkness: Vol. Two (2021)

Cursed Luck

1. Cursed Luck (2021)
 2. High Jinx (2021)
- Goddess of Summer Love (2022)

If you liked Wherever She Goes, try...

- Then She Was Gone – Lisa Jewell
- The Boy in the Photo – Nicole Trope
- Something She's Not Telling Us – Darcey Bell
- Don't Look for Me – Wendy Walker
- Every Last Lie – Mary Kubica