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By Lori Knutson

## **Chapter Fifteen – Responsive Journaling Questions:**

1. In Chapter 15 Charly arrives home after being gone all day. She had basically disappeared and her mom was very worried. Have you ever made your family worried about you? What happened to make them worry about your safety? Were they justified in their worry? That is, were you really unsafe? Discuss this with a classmate for two minutes and then write.

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2. “Forget it, Charly. Your mom knows everything.” (page 109) In this chapter, Grammie tells Charly’s mom about her daughter’s ability to visit Katherine O’Leary. Up until this moment it’s been a sort of secret. Would you feel betrayed by Grammie if you were Charly? Would you want your mom to know about your adventures with a ghost? Make a pros and cons list below. What would be positive (pros) about mom knowing and what would be negative?

**Pros:**

**Cons:**

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3. At the end of Chapter 4, Charly confesses to Grammie that she’s been out to the house on Northumberland Strait. Have you ever been caught trying to hide something? Most of us have. How did it make you feel? Guilty? Cornered? Relieved? Write about it here.

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HAMBURGER  
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NUMB  
SADNESS  
TOASTER OVEN  
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