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The Ghost of Northumberland Strait

By Lori Knutson

Chapter Nine – Responsive Journaling Questions:

1. “I miss it so bad, but it’s over. Gone. Kaput.” (page 80) Did you ever feel this way about a place you’ve left or maybe even about a time in your life that’s gone? If not, tell why you think you’ve avoided ever feeling this way.

2. “I’m sorry,” I mumble. “I’m sorry the shore makes you sad, and I’m sorry your baby died.” Charly says this to Katherine on page 81. Have you ever had to give your condolences to someone or try to comfort them when they were very sad? If not, what do you think this experience would be like?

3. “She smiles at me, and I can’t believe she’s not alive.” (page 81) In this novel, I’ve written Katherine to be solid – not ethereal. What do you think? If ghosts are real, are they solid beings or can you put your hand right through them? Why do you think this?

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- a. angry
- b. sorrowful
- c. uncomfortable
- d. powerful

2. How many guitar lessons did Charly get to take before leaving Alberta for PEI?

- a. one
- b. two
- c. three
- d. four

3. “Katherine doesn’t hesitate at the shallow water licking away at the sand, but instead leaps right in, her steps causing a series of quick splashes, as she runs in the shallows west towards the capes.” (page 78) As she runs Katherine feels:

- a. free and happy
- b. desperate and alone
- c. terrified
- d. confused and panicked

4. What kind of tree does Charly remember being in her backyard in Alberta?

- a. pine
- b. poplar
- c. spruce
- d. maple

5. What does Charly spot when she and Katherine come back to the house after being at the shore?

- a. a tombstone
- b. the house’s foundation
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Q U I Z A N M M F Z T E E A O D
H R N O S O Q S F B E H Y C E U
Y A T L E I E N S R L K L S Y S
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SHORELINE
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