

Online Book Club

The Mystery of Biltmore House

Bring It To Life!

1. The Biltmore House had electricity, which was a real luxury in the time it was built. Discuss all the things you do each day that require electricity. Start with getting out of bed in the morning, go through your typical day, and end with going to bed at night. You'll probably be amazed at your dependence on electricity!
2. Make a map of how the characters in the story got to the Biltmore House. Stacy came from Asheville, Michael came from Tryon, and Trent came from Spartanburg, South Carolina. People came to the Biltmore House from nearby states. Add the states and nearest major cities that border North Carolina.
3. Have a scavenger hunt! Gather the following things that you might find in a Halloween Room—a black cat (it doesn't have to be real!), two black things, three orange things, the numbers on the telephone that spell B-O-O, a pumpkin pie recipe, a candle, something that glows in the dark, and a mask!
4. Do the math! If it took 1,000 workers 5 years to build the house, and each person worked 10 hours a day, 6 days a week—how many man-hours did it take to complete the house?





Fact

or

Fiction

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Write Fact or Fiction next to each sentence below.

- _____ 1. Stacy, Trent, Wendy, and Michael all ended up at the Biltmore House because their parents were attending a writing workshop there.
- _____ 2. Bridge was Stacy's favorite card game.
- _____ 3. The Biltmore House was built by a man named George Washington Biltmore.
- _____ 4. The chess pieces missing from the chessboard in the Winter Garden were considered to be priceless.
- _____ 5. There are 50 rooms in the Biltmore House.
- _____ 6. An old man grabbed Michael in the bowling alley and told him never to come into the alley again.
- _____ 7. The Biltmore House was one of the first private homes to have electricity.
- _____ 8. The gardener didn't mind when he saw the kids swimming in one of the pools near the Biltmore House.
- _____ 9. Michael found some chess pieces in the basement after falling through one of the steam tunnels.
- _____ 10. The missing chess pieces were hidden inside jars of peaches.

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Talk About It!

1. Who was your favorite character? Why?
2. What was your favorite part of the book? Why?
3. What do you think was the scariest thing that happened in the book?
4. Would you like to live in a house that has 250 rooms? What would be some good things about living there? What would be some bad things about living there?
5. What did you think happened to Michael when he disappeared the first time?
6. Do you like the idea of having secret passages? Where would you like to put some secret passages in your school?
7. What do you think will happen to the characters next?
8. What did you learn about North Carolina people and places by reading this book?



Write a letter!

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Dear _____,

Sincerely,