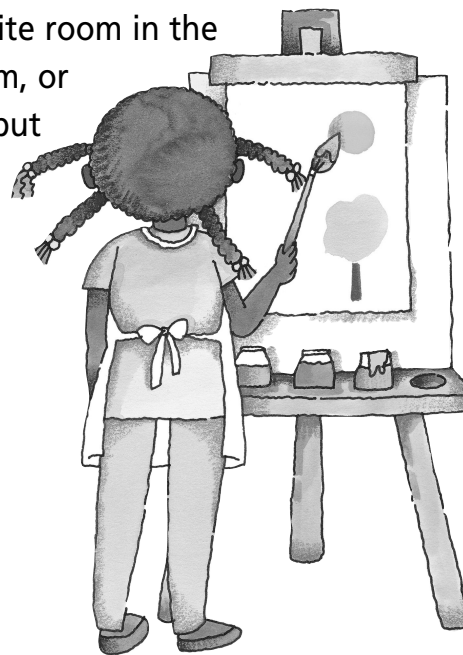


# Online Book Club

## The White House Christmas Mystery

### Bring It To Life!

1. What do you do when the lights go out? Talk about all the things you should have on hand in case the electricity goes off at night in your house. What are some reasons that the electricity might go off? Name as many things in your house as you can that use electricity!
2. Can reading make you hungry? Ask book club members to recall the delicious meal the children had in the White House State Dining Room (Chapter 11). Have them list all the adjectives used to describe the meal. Discuss how descriptive words make a scene in a book come alive!
3. Game Day! Select three volunteers to play a game similar to "Jeopardy." Ask the other book club members to write three questions each about the mystery. Give the volunteers a clicker to use when they want to answer the question. Select a host to ask the questions, and see who wins!
4. Ask each book club member to choose his or her favorite room in the White House. Then, ask each student to draw the room, or find pictures of things that might be in the room and put them on a poster. For example, the florist shop would be full of beautiful flowers, or the Oval Office would have a large desk, a fireplace, couches, and chairs.





Fact

or

Fiction

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Write Fact or Fiction next to each sentence below.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The "D.C." in Washington, D.C. stands for "District of Columbia."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Christina, April, and D.C. all stayed in Room 1313 in the hotel.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. D.C. and April's mother gave Mimi, Papa, and the kids a tour of the White House.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The White House got its name after being painted white to cover red paint splashed all over the house during the War of 1812.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Grant gave glowsticks to the other children to light their way after the power went out.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The kids couldn't wait to get out of the White House flower shop because it was so hot in there.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Every president has a personal set of china that becomes part of the White House collection when he leaves office.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The children saw a huge octopus swimming in the president's heated pool.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. D.C. found emergency gas masks in the White House Situation Room.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The president's pet macaw spoke to the children as he perched in the White House Christmas trees.

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### Talk About It!

1. Who was your favorite character? Why?
2. What do you remember most about all the things the children saw in the White House? What was most interesting to you?
3. Would you like to be a Secret Service agent? Why or why not?
4. What was the scariest part of the book? Why?
5. Do you think it was a good idea for the kids to go exploring in the White House basement? Why or why not?
6. Who or what did you think the Secret Service agents were trying to find throughout the book?
7. Would you have been brave enough to climb down the ladder into a dark, unknown place? Why do you think all the children were willing to climb down into "the unknown" and no one was afraid?
8. What was your favorite part of the book? Why?



# Write a letter!

Christina, Grant, Mimi, and Papa love to hear from their friends. Write a letter to your favorite Carole Marsh Mysteries Character. Mail your letter to:

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Sincerely,