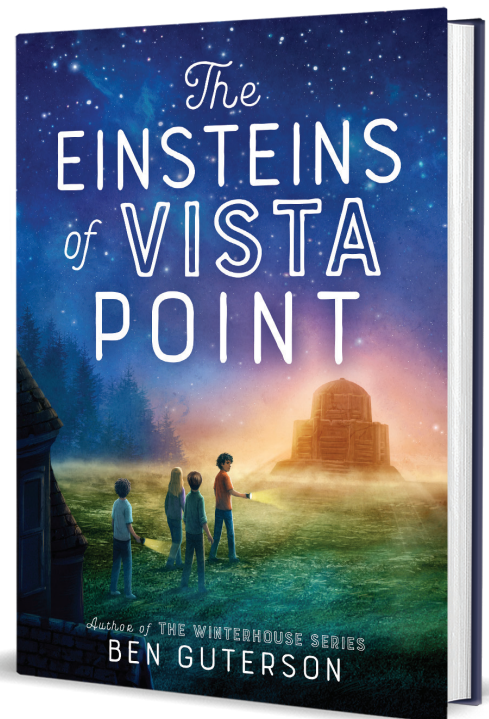


# The EINSTEINS of VISTA POINT

## BOOK CLUB GUIDE

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



1. What does the move to Vista Point mean to the Einsteins?
2. The Einstein family is a big one! Have you ever wished for a bigger or smaller family? Why or why not?
3. How does Zack's relationship with his siblings change after they lose their youngest sister? How does moving to Vista Point begin to restrengthen their bond?
4. Sometimes, even surrounded by lots of people who love you, you can feel lonely. Why?
5. What are Zack's feelings surrounding the death of his sister?
6. Why is Zack's grief so different from the rest of his family? Why does his family struggle with the way in which he grieves? How do his siblings and parents try to move past Susan's death?
7. How does Ann's appearance in Zack's life help him start to move forward?
8. How does the magical mystery of the Tower also serve as a way to cope and heal?
9. Why does Miriam become so bothered by Zack's remembrance of Susan? Should healing from loss mean never talking about it?
10. Zack has to keep many secrets throughout the story. How does hiding things affect his relationship with his family? Why do you think he struggles to tell them the truth initially?
11. What are some of the different forms of communication in the story? How would you describe Zack's communication with his family? Or Ann's communication with Zack? How does unclear communication get in their way?
12. Why is Horatio Civallo so intent on ruining the Einsteins' bed and breakfast? How does he work through his own loss and grief?
13. Only Zack can see and hear Ann. He seems to have a sixth sense in this respect. Do you believe in the paranormal? Why or why not?
14. What is the Tower's impact on the Einsteins, Horatio Civallo, and the whole town? How does its former name, Vista Point Comfort Station, fit into its role in these characters' lives?