

TWELVE STORIES HIGH

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BOOK CLUB GUIDE

GET READY TO GO
TWELVE STORIES HIGH

Mystery Thrillers
to Die For



Welcome Book Clubbers!

This handy discussion
guide is here to inspire
your Book Club to enjoy
its best meeting ever!



WHAT IS IN THIS GUIDE



ACTIVITIES TO MAKE MEETING MORE FUN

Twelve Stories High is more than just a book. It's twelve exciting experiences. Keep the good times rolling with activities that'll help you recall the brave characters, exotic settings, and suspenseful plots.

QUESTIONS THAT STIMULATE CHAT

A great book club is all about bonding over shared literary encounters. So keep the convo flowing with thought-provoking questions that are sure to illicit interesting answers.

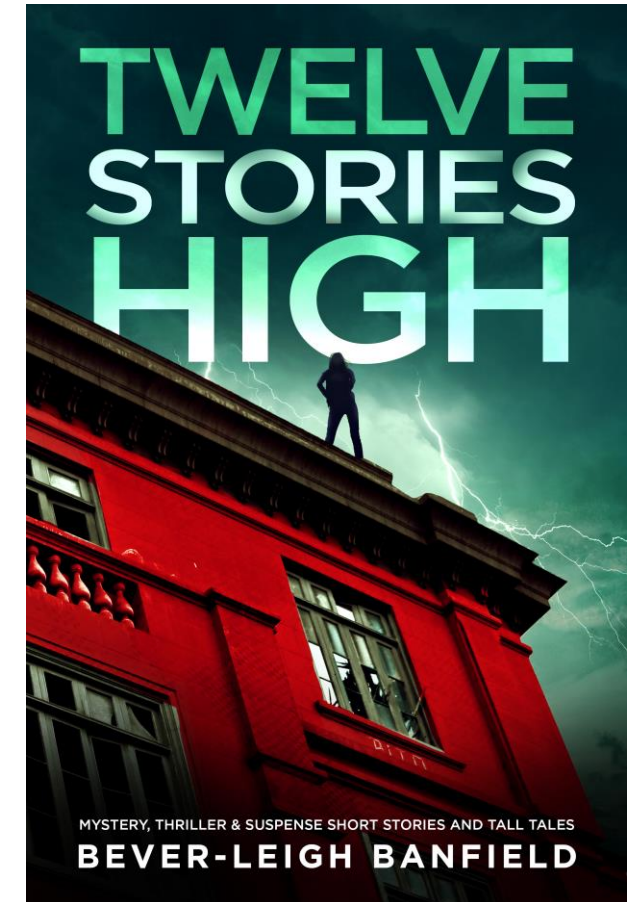
VIDEOS, TAKEAWAYS AND OFFERS

Watch and share Twelve Stories High Book Trailers and Promos, and feel free to share with your friends, family and social network.

Plus, keep up with Bever-leigh's books, appearances and giveaways.

ABOUT THE BOOK

When just living your life can cause sudden death because of the color of your skin, it can only take one small misstep to spawn a fatal web of intrigue you might not escape. And when those who are charged to protect and serve are more menacing than murderers, you may have to solve a crime yourself in order to survive. This is what happens to sheroes entangled in mystery in *Twelve Stories High*. Brave women as full of humor as their tales are fraught with fear. In adventures set in an upscale world of really-real housewives, glamour girls, a senior, and even a child accused, in settings from Los Angeles to Fort Lauderdale to Barbados, these ladies of color are challenged by threats, deceit, romance, and danger as they fight to stay alive and keep their loved ones safe as well. From a Southern, small-town femme fatale to a victim of Hollywood's casting couch to reality show producers crowdfunding their way into a killing, dreams can explode in the blink of an eye when perfect lives turn into imperfect crimes, and they have to prove their innocence or wind up next to die.



INVITE THE AUTHOR TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUR BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

Bever-leigh Banfield loves book clubs, and she's always open to visiting with club members who are discussing her books!

If you'd like to invite Bev to virtually visit your club meeting, email bev@beverleighbanfield.com with your request and several possible meeting dates.

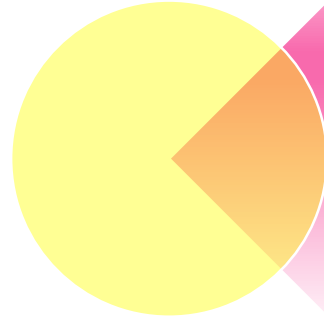
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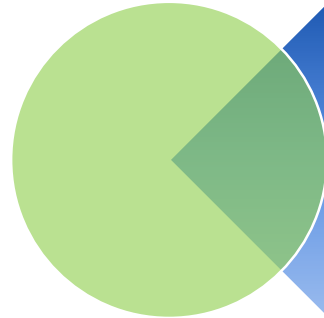
WATCH THE BOOK TRAILERS

Get a Sneak Peak at
Twelve Stories High Promos
to see what's in store
for your Reading Group

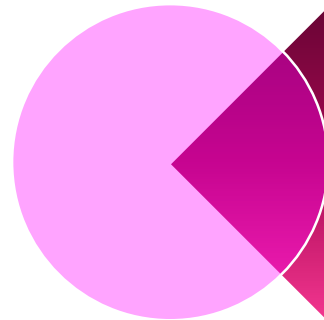
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Twelve Stories
High Book Trailer



Twelve Stories
High Book Teaser



Twelve Stories
High Book Promo



FUN ACTIVITY IDEAS FOR YOUR BOOK CLUB MEETING

Pump up your Twelve Stories High gathering with creative projects, interactions, and games.

ACTIVITIES

Games



WHO SAID IT

Write down quotes from *Twelve Stories High* and place them in a hat, bowl or other container. Have each member pull a quote and read it to the group. Have members note in their phones which character said it, to whom, when, and why it was said, and in which story and setting. The best detail guesser wins.

WHO IS IT

On paper or 3x5 cards, jot down *Twelve Stories High* story titles and character names. Place cards face down. Choose teams. For each turn, set a 2 or 3-minute time limit using a phone timer. Have a member pick a card and act out its topic for their teammates to guess. After several rounds, the team with the shortest time wins.

WHODUNNIT

For each of the twelve mysteries, invite members to devise a victim different than the one in the *Twelve Stories High* story. Try existing characters or dream up new ones during your meeting. Put your heads together to figure out the motive, method, and most importantly, the villain who perpetrated the crime.

ACTIVITIES

Projects



FOOD

Host a potluck meeting! Clubbers can look up online recipes at eatthis.com or allrecipes.com and prepare historic Southern dishes like those in the plot of *Cooking with Glass*. Or your group could get together to bake a princess cake like Cherrie's in *With a Cherrie on Top*, and make the meeting a book club tea party.

FASHION

Each clubber can bring a foam core board and a selection of fashion magazines, and spend part of your meeting creating fashion boards of clothes their favorite characters might wear. Or alternatively, bring home magazines to design houses and furnishings their most aspirational *Twelve Stories High* characters might live in.

FANTASY

All it takes is a sketch pad and some pencils, colored pencils, watercolors or charcoals to set your clubbers' imaginations free to draw or paint images of how they picture their most memorable *Twelve Stories High* characters. Share among yourselves, or scan and post, or frame to decorate your walls at office or home.

ACTIVITIES

Parties



MEET UP

Invite another local book club to your *Twelve Stories High* meeting to network, swap fiction favorites in a gently-used-book exchange, and make new friends who love to read.

LIFT UP

Support seniors in your community by dropping off your copies of *Twelve Stories High* at a local nursing home or assisted living facility after you've read them, and then hold a joint book discussion once residents there have read the books.

DRESS UP

Have a Costume Book Club Party! Dress as your favorite *Twelve Stories High* characters at your discussion meeting and have fun guessing who is whom.



QUESTIONS THAT SPARK LIVELY CHAT

Get everyone talking with questions that make members think, reflect, remember, consider, relate, transform, grow closer, and bond.

ASK AND ANSWER

Explore

1. What is your favorite story in Twelve Stories High? What did you like best about it?
2. Who is your favorite Twelve Stories High character?
3. If you were the heroine of one of the stories, who would you be? Why?
4. Do any of the characters reflect who you once were or would like to someday be?
5. Which character would you most like to meet. Why?
6. Which character would you least like to meet? What would you do at that encounter?
7. What story did you figure out the ending of before you got to it?
8. What plot twists surprised or shocked you most? In which stories?
9. Do you see a theme running through the stories? What is it?



ASK AND ANSWER

Express

10. What is your favorite story in *Twelve Stories High*? What did you like best about it?
11. What relationship do you most relate to in the book?
12. Which character did something you would do? Or something you would never do?
13. Is there a character whose voice you feel may be that of the author? How so?
14. Choose a story and cast the actors you would like to see star in a movie of it.
15. What did you like most about *Twelve Stories High*?
16. What did you like least?
17. Which story would you like to become a novel or mystery book series?
18. If Bever-leigh participated in your discussion, what would you ask her?



ASK AND ANSWER

Examine

19. How did you feel while and after reading *Twelve Stories High*?
20. What was your favorite story setting? California? Barbados? Florida? Tennessee?
21. Have you ever visited or lived in that location? Did the story bring back memories?
22. Do you think the author built the worlds of the stories in a way that was true-to-life?
23. Does the *Twelve Stories High* book cover appeal to you?
24. Do you feel the book cover reflects the contents of the book?
25. What other books would you compare this one to, or do you find it unique?
26. What elements do you think tie the short stories together?
27. What 5 words describe your favorite character?



ASK AND ANSWER

Expand

28. Was the book the right length for you, or would you rather it be shorter or longer?
29. How did you find the pace of the stories? Was it fast enough for you?
30. Is there something in the book you still wonder about?
31. Do the stories stick with you? If so, is it due to the characters, narratives, or plots?
32. Do you like the *Twelve Stories High* title? What other title might you give the book?
33. Are the stories in the proper order? How might you place them in a different order?
34. Did you read the book in a device? Which one? (laptop, reader, tablet, or phone?)
35. What format suits you best? Hardcover, paperback, eBook, or audiobook?
36. Do you want to read the upcoming thriller novel by Bever-leigh?



ASK AND ANSWER

Excite

37. Would you like to be a beta reader for the new mystery novel Bever-leigh is working on?
38. What are the astrological signs of the main characters? Can you guess?
39. Can you give one of the characters advice or words of wisdom that could change her story?
40. Did the stories end the way you wanted? What ending might you change? How?
41. What do you imagine happens in the lives of the main characters after their story is over?
42. Would you feel comfortable calling the police if, like the heroines, you were in danger?
43. What is a positive encounter you have had with a police person? A negative encounter?
44. For each *Twelve Stories High* story, how many characters in it can you name?
45. Do you associate songs with the stories? Make a *Twelve Stories High* book club playlist!



EXCLUSIVE EXTRAS

Look what you could win.

AS A THANK YOU

Schedule *Twelve Stories High* for your book of the month, and in addition to offering to join your meeting by Zoom or Skype, Bev will also enter your book club for a chance to win one of her exclusive designs for a lucky member:

A Lovely Wall Clock

A Designer Throw Pillow

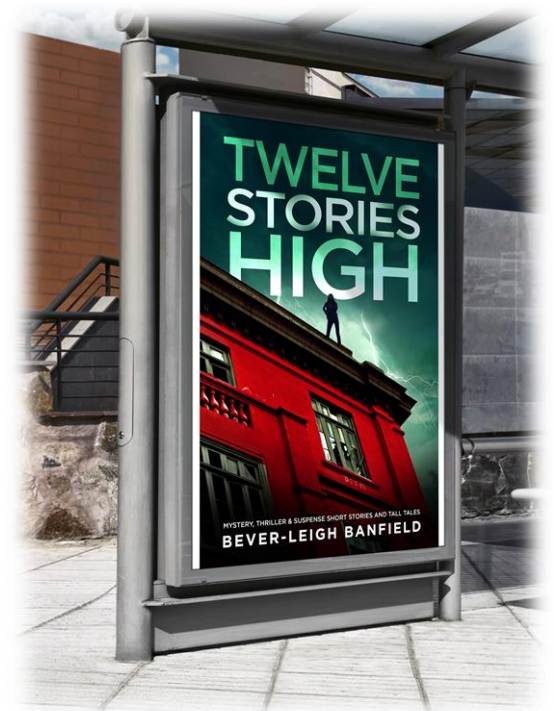
A Set of 4 Coasters

A Hardcover *Twelve Stories High* Journal

A *Twelve Stories High* Mug

– *plus* –

Up to 12 Free Downloads of Bev's inspirational *You Can Change the World* eBook, Audiobook, and hot new Theme Song before it hits iTunes!





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