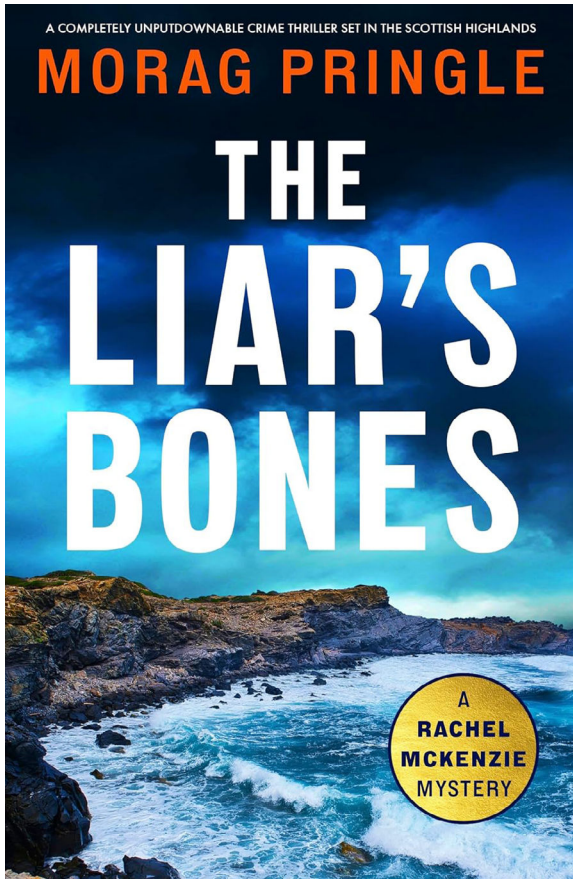


BOOK CLUB



Name

Date

Favourite Character

Favourite Quote

Personal Questions/Points

When the body of Ellen Hargreaves washes up on the rocky shore of a remote Scottish island, most locals are quick to call it a tragic accident. But investigator Rachel McKenzie, already carrying the weight of her own dark past, isn't so sure. Drawn back to the island where her estranged family lives, Rachel begins to dig into Ellen's final days and learns that the quiet newcomer was more than just a nature lover, she had discovered a human bone and was keeping notes that have now mysteriously disappeared.

As Rachel questions the locals, many of whom are secretive and far from welcoming, she becomes convinced that Ellen found something dangerous.

Rachel is determined to find the truth. But then a teenage girl goes missing shortly after talking to her, and Rachel realises that she has exposed an innocent girl to a twisted killer. Heart pounding and wracked with guilt, Rachel works around the clock to find the vanished girl. But will she get there in time?

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1	What were your first impressions of Rachel McKenzie? Did your opinion of her change as the story progressed?
2	How did Rachel's personal history with her father's crime shape her approach to investigating Ellen's death?
3	What role did the remote island setting play in building the tension of the story?
4	Did you find the island community believable in their reactions to Ellen's death and to Rachel's presence?
5	How did the tense relationship between Olivia and Katherine affect your reading of the story? In what ways did their dynamic mirror or contrast with Rachel's own family struggles?
6	How did the themes of isolation and secrecy show up in both the setting and the characters?
7	Were you surprised by the way the local sergeant handled the investigation? Why or why not?
8	Discuss Rachel's relationship with her family on the island. How did those dynamics affect her emotionally and professionally?
9	What did you make of Ellen as a character, even though we only get to know her through others' memories and her actions?
10	The discovery of a human bone sets the plot in motion. How did this archaeological element add to the mystery?

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11	How did Rachel's past trauma impact her sense of justice and her choices during the investigation?
12	In what ways did the story explore the idea of trust—between family, friends, and strangers?
13	Were there moments where you doubted Rachel's instincts? Why or why not?
14	How did the island's weather and natural surroundings contribute to the mood of the story?
15	What did you think of the pacing? Was the slow-burn approach effective for this type of mystery?
16	What do you think the book says about outsiders in small, close-knit communities?
17	How did the subplot involving the missing teenage girl raise the stakes of the main investigation?
18	Did the ending satisfy you? Were all the threads tied up, or did anything feel unresolved?
19	If this is the first book in the Rachel McKenzie series, what would you want to see next for her character?
20	Did The Liars Bones remind you of any other books, shows, or authors? Why?

ICE-BREAKERS

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1	If you were dropped onto a remote Scottish island like Rachel, what's the one item you'd absolutely need to bring? (Bonus points if it's not your phone!)
2	Ellen was fascinated by archaeology—what's something old or mysterious you've always been curious about? (Could be an object, place, or even a family story!)
3	Have you ever kept a journal or notebook like Ellen's? What kind of things would go in it today?
4	What's the most isolated or remote place you've ever been—and did it feel peaceful or unsettling?
5	"Two Truths and a Lie – Island Edition" Each person shares two true facts and one lie about themselves—bonus points if they're mysterious, eerie, or nature-related (to match the vibe of the island). Everyone else has to guess the lie!

WORD SEARCH

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Rachel
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McKenzie
Hargreaves

Hebrides
Bone
Notebook
Cliff

Island
Investigator
Archaeology
Secrets

Police
Missing
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WORD SEARCH - ANSWERS

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INSPIRED PLAYLIST

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1	"I Invoke Cursed Winds" - Peter Gundry
2	"The Essense" - Peter Gundry
3	"The Daugther of Darkness" - Peter Gundry
4	"Winter's Heart" - Peter Gundry
5	"When Darkness Spoke" - Peter Gundry
6	"The Hebrides" - Capercaillie
7	"Feathers" - Poppy Ackroyd
8	"I'm Ready For The Storm" - Dougie MacLean
9	"The Gael" - Dougie MacLean
10	"Wild & Windy Night" - Dougie MacLean



Want to set the mood while discussing The Liars Bones?

Just scan the QR code below and it'll take you straight to the custom playlist I made for the book. It's full of haunting, atmospheric tracks that match the eerie, wind-swept island vibe perfectly.