- 1. One of the themes in *The Girl Who Was Taken* focuses on society's obsession with turning abducted girls into pop-culture. Do you find this topic intriguing, disturbing, or taboo?
- 2. Dr. Livia Cutty is a fellow in forensic pathology and uses her emerging skills to uncover the truth about her sister's abduction. Did you find Livia's morgue scenes and ride alongs fascinating or stomach-turning?
- 3. *The Girl Who Was Taken* has its fair share of red herrings. Who did you most suspect as the culprit?
- 4. Megan suffers from "survivor's guilt." Livia suffers from "sibling guilt." What worked or didn't work when these two unlikely characters became partners, and then friends?
- 5. Did you like or loath Nicole? Did Nicole's history of never getting over the abduction of her cousin make her actions any more palatable?
- 6. The Capture Club—an underground organization whose initiation requires new members to be abducted—plays a central role in story. How believable is the existence of such a club? (Spoiler: Do some Google searching. You might be surprised)
- 7. From Nate to Randy, Mr. Steinman to Dr. Colt, Kent to Sanj, and even the Queen of Morning Television, Dante Campbell. Which secondary character did you like the most?
- 8. What are your feelings about how the book ended, and what do you think it means for Livia?
- 9. If you could change the ending, what would it look like?
- 10. If you knew Livia Cutty showed up in Donlea's next book, would you be more or less likely to buy it?