

A Grave Inheritance



Candlelight Book Club Discussion Questions

Which character did you find most compelling or relatable, and why?

How important is friendship to Dolores, Ada and Violet? How does their friendship help each character to discover or understand themselves better?

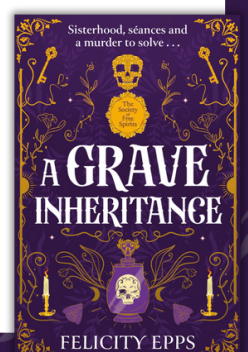
How do Dolores, Ada and Violet defy the traditional roles assigned to women in Victorian society? In what ways do they assert their agency in a time when women had limited rights and freedoms?

Dolores experiences anxiety and panic attacks, which were often misunderstood during the Victorian period. How does her character challenge or conform to the era's understanding of mental health?

A Grave Inheritance is packed with tropes of Victorian gothic literature (cobwebbed houses, mysterious poisons, unexpected inheritances, and more). Which were your favourites?

How does the author Felicity Epps use setting to create atmosphere and tension throughout the story? Were there particular scenes where the gothic setting stood out to you?

Felicity blends the gothic supernatural and murder mystery genres seamlessly. Did you find yourself drawn to one genre element more than others? How did the combination challenge or satisfy your usual reading preferences?



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Host Your Own Candlelight Book Club!

Celebrate spooky season by hosting your very own Candlelight Book Club. Find décor ideas, themed snacks and drinks and activities for attendees below. Make sure to play some spooky music in the background!

Embrace the gothic vibe with these décor ideas:

- Candles! (make sure there is a responsible adult nearby if using real candles)
- Vintage items including old books, gold frames, lace doilies, brass keys and pocket watches
- Dried flowers, twigs and branches make great table centrepieces
- Silk and velvet scarves, tablecloths and runners

Stay on theme with these snack suggestions:

- Spiced tea (chai, cinnamon, or ginger), served warm
- Berry-Infused sparkling water
- Ginger 'Nerve Tonic' shots
- Dark Chocolate pieces
- Roasted nuts
- Spiced muffins
- Shortbread dusted with cinnamon sugar
- Caramel popcorn

Continue the fun with these extra activities:

- **Candlelight Reflection:** Invite attendees to share a moment from the book that stayed with them, writing it on a small card to be read aloud by candlelight.
- **Mood Board Creation:** Provide magazines, fabrics, stickers, colourful paper, pens, and scissors. Invite attendees to create mood boards that visually represent the gothic, supernatural themes found in A Grave Inheritance.
- **Fortune Finder:** Fill a tombola or decorative bowl with strips of paper containing fun fortunes. Each attendee can take turns spinning the tombola or pulling their fortune from the bowl. Fortune examples:
 - "A secret from your past will come to light."
 - "Trust your instincts in solving the mystery."
 - "A hidden ally will reveal themselves soon."

