

Ghost Roast

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SYNOPSIS

For as long as she can remember, Chelsea Grant has tried everything she can think of to distance herself from the disastrous damage her father does to her social life. It's not easy to shake her reputation as Ghost Girl when Dad keeps advertising his business as a 'paranormal removal expert' in big, bold, loud letters all over New Orleans!

This year, Chelsea's all grown up, attending one of the most prestigious high schools in the city, and she's finally made friends with the popular crowd. Things are looking up—until a night on the town backfires spectacularly, landing her in hot water at home. Her punishment Working for her dad at Paranormal Removal Services. All. Summer.

Worst of all, her new job reveals an unexpected secret she has to keep: While Dad hunts ghosts with his own DIY tech, Chelsea can actually see them. And when she meets Oliver, a friendly spirit, at the fancy mansion her dad is getting a handsome fee to exorcise, she realises she has to save his after-life, even if it risks everything her father's worked for.

ABOUT THE CREATOR

Shawnelle Gibbs and Shawneé Gibbs are twin sisters and co-authors of *Ghost Roast*, and the Glyph Award–nominated adventure series *The Invention of E.J. Whitaker*. They have served as a staff writers for Warner Bros. Animation and have written for DreamWorks Animation, Mattel Studios and Disney. Originally from Oakland, California, they currently live and play in Los Angeles.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

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STUDY NOTES

- Reflect on Chelsea's nuanced friendship with her wealthier peers. Given the complexities and differences in their backgrounds, discuss the potential challenges and benefits of such friendships. Are they likely to last? Support your opinion with examples.
- Recall a significant mistake you've made that impacted your life significantly. What insights did it offer about your character and decision-making process? In what ways did this mistake contribute to your personal growth?
- Share an instance when you acted bravely on behalf of someone else, similar to Chelsea's defense of Oliver. What motivated your actions, and what, if any, were the consequences of your decision?

- Azalea flowers emerge prominently in scenes shared by Oliver and Chelsea. Explore the symbolism of azaleas in their relationship and the broader narrative.
- Oliver's character provides an historical perspective on moral courage and activism. How can his actions inspire contemporary discussions about social justice and activism among youth today?