



HEMLOCK

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ABOUT THE BOOK

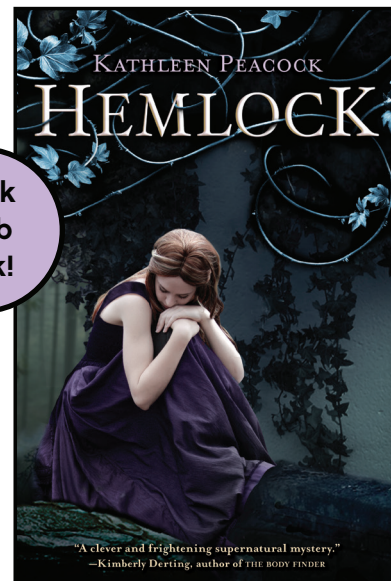
Mac and Amy were best friends. Until Amy was brutally murdered.

Now, Mac is being haunted by Amy in her dreams, and an extremist group called the Trackers has come to Mac's hometown of Hemlock to hunt down Amy's killer: a white werewolf.

Lupine syndrome—also known as the werewolf virus—is on the rise across the country. Many of the infected try to hide their symptoms, but bloodlust isn't easy to control.

As Mac investigates Amy's murder, she discovers secrets lurking in the shadows of Hemlock and is thrown into a maelstrom of violence and betrayal that puts her life at risk.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Mac loses someone very close to her, her friend Amy. How do you think she handles the loss? Have you ever been in a similar position? How did you handle it?
2. Mac is determined to find out more about Amy's death. Do you think her desire to uncover the truth is driven by regret, anger, or something else? How is she trying to cope?
3. Mac has an ambiguous relationship with both Kyle and Jason. What do you think of her relationship with Kyle? Is Mac angry at Jason?
4. There's some tension in the novel between 'normals' and 'werewolves.' How do you think this tension contributes to people's preconceptions of others? Did it make you reflect about your own preconceptions?
5. What do you think the extremist group, the Trackers, symbolizes?
6. What do you think the werewolf virus is meant to signify? How could it relate to our world?
7. How do the characters in the novel handle the spread of the virus? Does this behavior remind you of anything? Discuss social commentary.
8. How does Kyle being a werewolf affect his relationship with Mac?
9. Why doesn't Mac say that she loves Kyle, even though that's the way she feels? (p. 269)
10. Were you surprised when you found out Serena's secret? Did you suspect it? What other characters seem like they're hiding something?
11. Were you surprised when the truth surrounding the circumstances around Amy's death was revealed (p. 363)? Did you see it coming? Looking back, what clues from the story pointed to this outcome?
12. How is Jason redeemed at the end?
13. Why does Kyle leave? Where is he going? Do you think he'll come back? Do you think Mac and Kyle will one day be together?
14. Now that some of the truth is out there, what do you think is going to happen to Hemlock? To Mac? What do you predict will happen in the second book?