

Kathryn's Beach  
Discussion Guide

1. Some readers say they knew what the letter meant. When you first read about it, what did you think it meant? Why do you think the characters in Kathryn's Beach were clueless to the meaning of the letter?
  
2. Are Mr. Goldstein and Kathryn an unlikely pair? Why or why not?
  
3. The child murder victim isn't named in the story. Why do you think that is?
  
4. Why isn't Kathryn's last name mentioned? Is it an effective literary device?
  
5. What did the trip to Tahoe accomplish in the story?
  
6. What do you think of the use of diaries in the story? Did it add depth to the diary's author as a character?
  
7. What did you like best about this book?