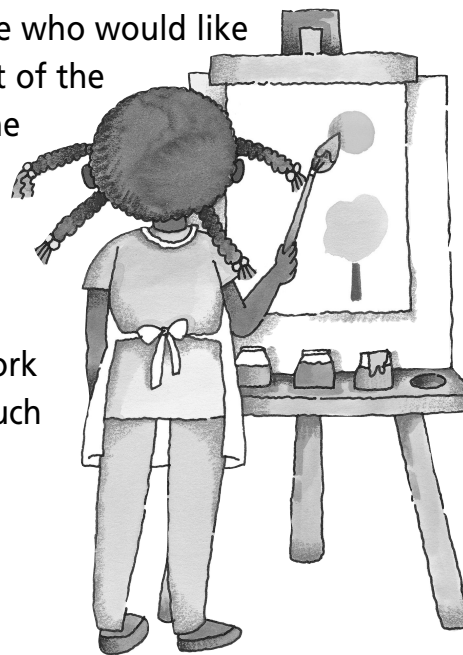


Online Book Club

The Mystery in New York City

Bring It To Life!

1. Map it Out! Find a map of the United States. List the states that Grant and Christina would have traveled through if they had driven from your state to New York City. After you list the states, make a new list and put them in alphabetical order. Then, make another list by size—list the smallest state first and the largest state last!
2. Put on a play! You will need four actors. Three actors will portray immigrants coming into the United States through Ellis Island. The other actor will portray an immigration agent asking the immigrants questions. The agent should ask them their names, where they came from, where they are going, and why they have come to the United States. He will decide whether each immigrant is admitted to the U.S. Make up interesting answers to the questions, use accents, wear costumes—make it fun!
3. Are you a city person or a small-town person? Divide your group into two teams—those who would like to live in a small town, and those who would like to live in a city like New York. Leave two members out of the groups to serve as judges. Each group should list all the advantages of their way of life—and be persuasive! The judges will decide where they would like to live based on what they hear from each group!
4. Create a slogan! “I Love New York” is a recent New York slogan. Make up a new one now that you know so much about New York!





Fact or Fiction

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Write Fact or Fiction next to each sentence below.

- _____ 1. Ben first met Christina and Grant when he stayed at their house as a foreign exchange student.
- _____ 2. Kate is from Poland.
- _____ 3. The Statue of Liberty is greenish in color.
- _____ 4. The Statue of Liberty was shipped from France to the United States in hundreds of pieces.
- _____ 5. Vinny was a safe, slow driver.
- _____ 6. The children used the letter tiles from a Scrabble game to help them solve the puzzle.
- _____ 7. The children enjoyed going to a New York Yankees baseball game.
- _____ 8. Lightning has never struck the mast on top of the Empire State Building.
- _____ 9. Grant read the clue inside the airplane's bomb bay by pretending to trip and landing right under the bomb bay.
- _____ 10. Papa was really angry when he found the kids onboard a ship at Pier 13.

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Talk About It!

1. Who was your favorite character in the mystery? Why?
2. If you were able to visit New York City, what places would you like to visit?
3. How do you think early immigrants to the United States must have felt when their ship sailed into New York Harbor and they finally saw the Statue of Liberty?
4. Why do you think New York is called "the city that never sleeps?"
5. What was your favorite part of the book? Why?
6. Why did using the Scrabble game letters help the kids unscramble the words more easily?
7. Why did hearing the Star Spangled Banner make Christina and Papa cry? Do you know anyone else who is affected by that song in the same way?
8. What do you like most about reading mysteries?



Write a letter!

Christina, Grant, Mimi, and Papa love to hear from their friends. Write a letter to your favorite Carole Marsh Mysteries Character. Mail your letter to:

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Dear _____,

Sincerely,
