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Chapter 1

Allie liked to collect fossils.
As she put the trilobite in her pocket, she slipped and fell to the side of the cliff.
She was scared, but a voice inside her head helped her to crawl safely to the ground.
When Allie went home, she looked for mail in the mailbox. She found a package wrapped in white tissue and red ribbon.
Allie opened the package. It was a book. The pages of the book were empty.
Allie decided to use the book for her 6th grade journal. Allie closed her eyes and held the book close.
All of a sudden, Allie saw the face of a girl with curly black hair. The girl whispered "Help me" and then disappeared.
Allie called her friend Karen and began to tell her about the "voice". Karen wouldn't listen. She did not believe Allie. Karen and Allie fought. Allie cried.
Chapter 4

Allie's mom bought her a desk to replace the piece of plywood she had been using.
Allie wanted to write something creative and brilliant in her journal, but nothing came to mind.
Allie left her room to get a special pen to help inspire her to write. When she returned, her journal was no longer blank. The words "I am L" were written at the top of the page.
Allie called her parents to her room to show them her journal. She explained how it was blank, then when she returned there were words written. Allie's parents thought she was making up a story.
Chapter 6

Allie asked her dad if she could take a rake, broom, and trash bags to school for Earth Day.
Allie's mom drove her to school, with her Earth Day supplies. Mom saw Karen walking into school and began to wave. Allie said "No, Mom" and tried to hide. Allie told her mom that Karen said she was a liar.
Chapter 7

Mr. Henry's classroom was full of excitement.

The students handed in their journals and broke up into teams to go and clean-up the cemetery for Earth Day.
Just before they left, Allie felt two cold hands on her shoulders. When she turned to see who it was, no one was there.
When they arrived at the cemetery, the students broke into groups and started cleaning up.
While cleaning off stones, Allie found one that read, Lucy Stiles 1983 - 1994. "Dub look. This girl was only 11 when she died. Our age."
Allie heard "the voice" again. She looked down at the stone. "L" could stand for Lucy, she thought.
At noon, the class gathered at a sunny picnic spot at the edge of the meadow, overlooking Fossil Glen.
They discussed how this area was once covered by a tropical ocean. And how Fossil Creek slowly cut its way down through the rock to form the glen.
Allie and Dub made plans for after school. First they would go look at the desk Allies mom got for her. Then, they would go to Dub's to look up ghost information on the computer.
Allie's mom had found her an old-fashioned wooden desk and matching chair. She told Allie if she liked it she could have it. Allie said, "I love it!"
At Dub's house, Allie and Dub looked up ghost stories on the computer. They read about other people's encounters with ghosts. Allie felt less crazy after reading the stories.
Allie's parents ask her about what happened with Karen and Pam. Allie explained about the stories they were telling, and how Karen called her a liar. They suggested that she explain the misunderstanding to Karen.
Allie felt hands tightening around her neck. She broke free, and then felt herself falling from a great height. Then she realized she wasn't falling; she was watching someone else fall. She awoke with a cry. It had been a bad dream.
Mr. Henry asked Allie to read her journal entry to the class. He encouraged everyone to use their imagination as freely.
The class went to the library to get information on the history of the glen. The librarian had books and newspapers out for them. The voice in Allie's head said, "Look at the newspapers."
Chapter 14

Allie took a newspaper. It was dated May 19, 1994.

The article was about the search for Lucy Stiles.

She had gone missing while hunting for fossils.

Allie read a week's worth of articles, until she came to one with the headline, "Missing girl Believed Dead; Funeral Service to be held."
Allie had read that Mr. Henry was Lucy's teacher. She asked him about what happened. Mr. Henry said it was very sad. He told Allie that she reminded him of Lucy. They were both smart and imaginative.
Allie told Dub that now she was sure, L is for Lucy. Lucy is the ghost she has been seeing.
On her way home from school, Allie saw a For Sale sign in front of the Stiles house. She also saw a sign in front of the glen that read, Coming Soon - Glen View Acres.
At dinner, Allie's mom told them that Mr. Curtis had come back today, and asked about a red leather journal. His boss was upset that they couldn't find it. He said it was a diary. Allie's mom asked her if she had more than one book. Allie said "No."
After dinner, Allie went to her room to write in her journal. When she opened it, there was already an entry in it. It said, Look in the desk.
Allie searched everywhere. Finally a latch popped, and she found a hidden space. In that space was a red leather journal, just like hers.
Allie opened the journal and on the first page it read: This diary belongs to Lucy Stiles.
Allie started reading the diary. Lucy had received two identical journals for Christmas. She was using this one for her diary, and saving the other one for next year.
Lucy wrote about herself, how she liked to collect sea glass and fossils. And that she had a dog and a cat.
Lucy also wrote about her mom and her mom's boyfriend, Mr. Gagney. She didn't like Mr. Gagney. One night in March 1994, Mr. Gagney told Lucy's mom that she should sell the house and the glen, and make a housing development.
Lucy wrote in her diary that her mom and Mr. Gagney were going to get married. And they were going to move.
Lucy overheard Mr. Gagney on the phone, saying "...money is no problem." Lucy told her mom that he was just after her money, but she wouldn't listen.
Chapter 18

Lucy found bank papers and her mother's forged signature in Mr. Gagney's desk. Lucy wrote about it in her diary.
Lucy went to the store with her mom. While they were gone, Mr. Gagney found and read her diary.
Lucy told her mom about the papers. Her mom called off the wedding. Mr. Gagney was furious. The way he glared at Lucy scared her.

Chapter 19
Allie called Mr. Gagney, and told him that she knew what he did to Lucy.

Chapter 20
On the way to school, Allie saw a bulldozer parked at the edge of the meadow.
The class decided to write to Mrs. Stiles. They would make a list of why the glen should be preserved.
Allie went to the spot where Lucy had been in the glen. She thought she heard someone, then Lucy's voice said "Run, fast!"
Chapter 22

Allie was nervous about going back to the glen.

Mr. Henry and the class would be there though.

Even Hoover, Mr. Henry's dog was going.
The class hiked down to the bottom of the glen to see what they could find. They saw ducks, fish and birds.
Hoover strayed away from the group. Allie, remembering the class' promise to keep an eye on her, went after her.
Chapter 23

Allie followed Hoover around a curve in the stream. Hoover was digging.
Hoover found a piece of red and black flannel.

That's what Lucy was wearing when she disappeared! Hoover also found a bone.
Chapter 24

Mr. Gagney stepped out from behind a bush. He chased Allie with a shovel.
Allie climbed up the side of the cliff. Mr. Gagney tried to climb up after her, but fell. Allie cried for help.
Chapter 25

Mr. Henry helped Allie off the side of the cliff.

He rode in the ambulance with her to the hospital.
On the way to the hospital, Allie told Mr. Henry all about Lucy and how Mr. Gagney had murdered Lucy. She told him that Lucy's journal helped her to solve the murder.
Chapter 26

Allie's mom and dad took her home from the hospital. Allie was tired and slept.
When Allie woke up, the police came to get Lucy's journal. Lucy's mother called to thank Allie too.
Dub came to visit Allie. While he was there, Karen called Allie. Karen wanted to know all about the adventure. She even invited Allie to sleep over at her house. Allie understood that Karen only wanted to be friends again because Allie was getting so much attention. Karen was not a real friend.

Allie would not be friends with her anymore. Dub, on the other hand, was a good friend!