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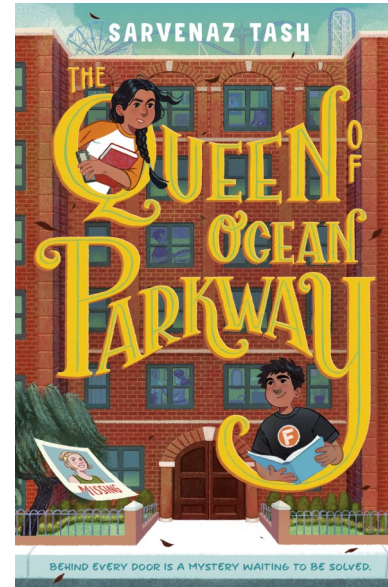
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Discussion Guide

The Queen of Ocean Parkway by Sarvenez Tash



Eleven-year-old Roya is the superintendent's kid in her regal Brooklyn apartment building, so she knows pretty much everything there is to know about its residents. An aspiring reporter, she even hosts a secret podcast about the lives of the building's tenants. It's a good distraction from the problems in her own life. But when Katya Petrov, one of her favorite tenants, goes

missing, Roya discovers an eerie connection to Grandmother's Predictions, an antique fortune-telling machine at Coney Island. "Grandmother" has been linked to multiple disappearances in the Petrov family over the last century. Now, with the help of a new friend who's just moved in, it's up to Roya to make her own headlines as she searches for Katya and attempts to break the Petrov curse once and for all.



Discussion Topics

- Before you started reading, who or what did you think the Queen of Ocean Parkway was? Were you surprised at what it really was?
- What were some theories you had about where Katya went and what the Petrov family curse was all about before you discovered what really happened to her?
- What makes Amin a good co-sleuth for Roya? What makes him a good friend?
- If you had the ability to go back into the past and change one thing, what would you change?
- Before reading this book, had you heard of Coney Island? If so, what did you know about it? How did reading this book change or confirm what you knew about Coney Island or Brooklyn in general?
- Is there something you love as much as Amin loves the subways? Why do you think he takes comfort in them and in wearing his subway shirts in order?
- Do you have any food sensitivities like Amin or any food that causes you stress? How do you think having food sensitivities might affect someone's everyday life?
- Roya tries very hard to change the outcome of her father's disease but she isn't able to. Why do you think the author chose this ending?
- If you had a podcast, what would it be about? Who would you bring on as guests?
- *The Queen of Ocean Parkway* is going to have a sequel. If you were writing it, what mystery would you have Roya solve next?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY AUTHOR

Author Biography



Sarvenaz Tash was born in Tehran, Iran, grew up on Long Island, and graduated with a BFA in Film and Television from NYU. She is the author of eight novels (and counting) for kids, young adults, and adults including *The Geek's Guide to Unrequited Love*, *A Whole Song and Dance*, and *The Queen of Ocean Parkway*. Though her books run the gamut of genres and age groups, they're tied together by her strong voice and affinity for joyful, diverse, humorous stories with heart. She has dabbled in all sorts of writing including screenwriting, copywriting, and professional tweeting for the likes of Bravo and MTV. Sarvenaz currently lives in Brooklyn with her family.