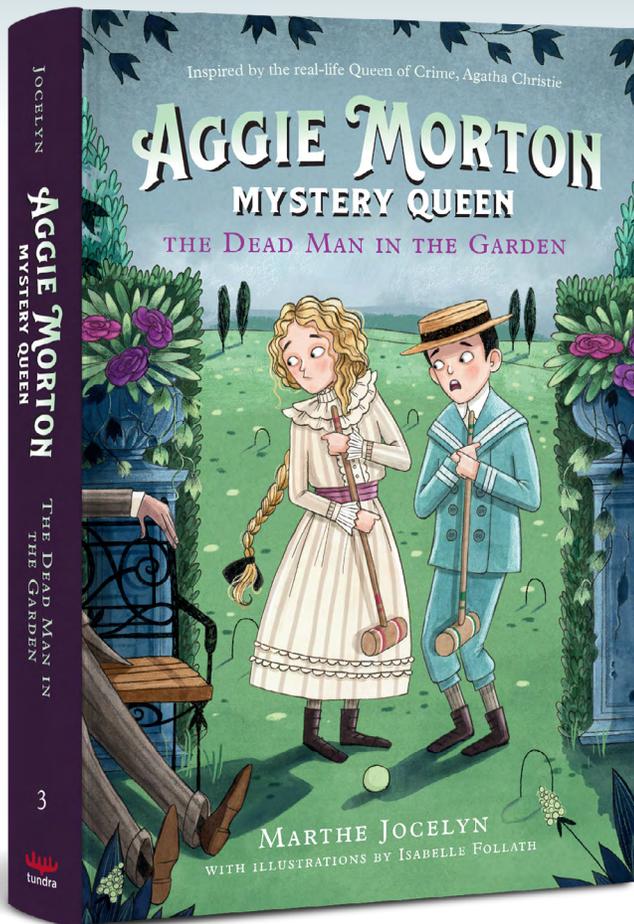


BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION GUIDE

AGGIE MORTON

MYSTERY QUEEN

THE DEAD MAN IN THE GARDEN



Discussion Questions

1. Did the title of this book spark your curiosity? Can you think of a different title that might also work?
2. Name some examples from the book that tell you Aggie's story takes place nearly 120 years ago.
3. If you could transport one item from the 21st century to help Aggie and Hector solve crimes, what would it be?
4. What kind of research do you think Isabelle Follath had to do in order to illustrate the book? How does the spot art in each chapter opener help advance the story?
5. Come up with another cover design. Take into account that you don't want to give any spoilers away in the artwork!
6. What are some of the themes in *The Dead Man in the Garden*? Which themes resonate most with you?
7. Who are some famous sleuths that you've heard about? Do you have a favorite from literature or screen?
8. If you could ask Marthe Jocelyn one question about Aggie Morton, what would it be?
9. Have you read the first two Aggie Morton books, *The Body under the Piano* and *Peril at Owl Park*? What do you think Aggie and Hector have learned about being sleuths?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



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