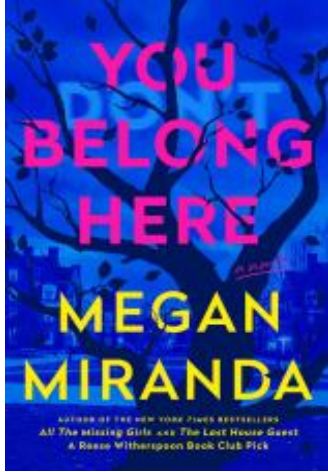


You Belong Here

by Megan Miranda



About the Book

Memories fade, but on this campus, legacies are never forgotten—or forgiven. A new thriller from *New York Times* bestselling author Megan Miranda.

Beckett Bowery never thought she'd return to Wyatt Valley, a picturesque college town in the Virginia mountains steeped in tradition. Her roots there were strong: Beckett's parents taught at the college, and she never even imagined studying anywhere else --- until a tragedy her senior year ended with two local men dead, and her roommate on the run, never to be seen again.

For the last two decades, Beckett has done her best to keep her distance. Then her daughter, Delilah, secretly applies to Wyatt College and earns a full scholarship, and Beckett can only hope that her lingering fears are unfounded. But deep down, she knows that Wyatt Valley has a long memory, and the past isn't the only dangerous thing in town.

Discussion Guide

1. How does the setting of Wyatt Valley influence the mood and events of the story? Can you imagine the story taking place in a different setting?
2. Beckett reflects deeply on her past throughout the novel. How does her history in Wyatt Valley shape her present-day choices and actions?
3. The "First Howling" tradition plays a significant role in the plot. What does this tradition signify, and how does it connect to the unraveling mystery?
4. Adalyn Vale's disappearance looms large over the story. How does this unresolved tragedy shape the narrative and

affect the characters' lives?

5. Social class and privilege are subtle but present factors in the story. How do they influence relationships and decisions within Wyatt Valley?

6. The fire on College Lane is pivotal to the novel's mystery. How does it symbolize the themes of decay or renewal in the story?

7. Beckett's relationships with Delilah and Trevor evolve throughout the novel. How do these dynamics influence her personal growth and actions?

8. Discuss the theme of "belonging" explored in the book. What does "belonging" mean for Beckett, Delilah and other characters? Who appears to "belong," and who does not?

9. The novel alternates between the past and present. How does this structure enhance the suspense and deepen your understanding of the characters?

10. Secrets are central to the storyline. What are the effects of secrecy on relationships and trust in Wyatt Valley?

11. How do the steam tunnels beneath the college contribute to the overall atmosphere of mystery and danger?

12. What role does Violet Wharton play in the story, and how does her presence impact Beckett and the unfolding events?

13. How do guilt and forgiveness drive the characters' actions? Do you think Beckett finds redemption by the end of the book?

14. What symbolism can you find in the novel's title, *YOU BELONG HERE*? Does it hold different meanings for different characters?

15. What did you think of the novel's ending? Did it offer closure, or do you wish for additional resolution?

Author Bio

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