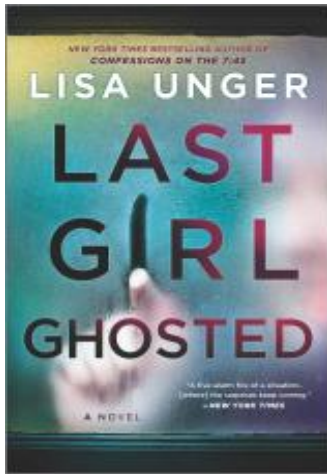


Last Girl Ghosted

by Lisa Unger



About the Book

Secrets, obsession and vengeance converge in this riveting thriller about an online dating match turned deadly cat-and-mouse game, from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *CONFESSIONS ON THE 7:45*.

Think twice before you swipe.

She met him through a dating app. An intriguing picture on a screen, a date at a downtown bar. What she thought might be just a quick hookup quickly became much more. She fell for him --- hard. It happens sometimes, a powerful connection with a perfect stranger takes you by surprise. Could it be love?

But then, just as things were getting real, he stood her up. Then he disappeared --- profiles deleted, phone disconnected. She was ghosted.

Maybe it was her fault. She shared too much, too fast. But isn't that always what women think --- that they're the ones to blame? Soon she learns there were others. Girls who thought they were in love. Girls who later went missing. She had been looking for a connection, but now she's looking for answers. Chasing a digital trail into his dark past --- and hers --- she finds herself on a dangerous hunt. And she's not sure whether she's the predator --- or the prey.

Discussion Guide

***** Warning: Spoilers *****

1. Many people have successfully found love through online dating, but there are also a lot of horror stories --- people who were ghosted or even worse. Do you know anyone who has done online dating? What was their experience?
2. Wren Greenwood is, in her professional life, an advice columnist called Dear Birdie. Because she's come from a traumatic and abusive past, suffered great losses, she feels that she can

show people the way through the darkest moments of their lives. Have you ever reached out to an advice columnist?

3. When Wren realizes that Adam is not who she believed him to be, she doesn't just curl up, lick her wounds and try to move on. She decides to follow his very dark digital trail into a past she's been trying to escape. What are some reasons she might have done that?

4. What role does technology --- social media, dating apps, cell phones, etc. --- play in the story? How does it fail the characters? How does it help?

5. Wren has two very close friends, Robin and Jax. They are both very different but important to Wren in unique ways. Discuss Robin and Jax, what they each mean to Wren. How are they different from each other? What do they have in common?

6. Wren's father defines himself as a "collapsist," meaning that he thinks the world has come to an end already and humanity just hasn't noticed yet. In other words, he's a doomsday prepper. What do you think of his opinions about the world?

7. Wren's father teaches her how to hunt. How did you react to the scene where she kills the deer? What did you learn about Wren? About her father? And how does this scene color other elements of the story?

8. When Bailey Kirk first shows up in Wren's life, she's distrusting of him. But as the story progresses, they grow closer. How would you describe their relationship? How did you feel about Bailey and the choices he makes?

9. Discuss the missing women, all of whom loved a different version of the man Wren knew as Adam. What did they each have in common? What made them each vulnerable to Adam?

10. At the end of the novel, Wren concludes: love is the way. What does she mean by this? How does this theme run through the book?

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