

# ATPE BOOK of the month CLUB

## **The Year We Disappeared** by *Cylin Busby and John Busby*

1. How do you feel about the way the book is organized, alternating between Cylin's and John's points of view?
2. Organized crime plays a big part in the story. Has law enforcement in our country gotten better or worse at dealing with organized crime?
3. How does John's near-fatal experience and recovery affect his relationship with his family? Put yourself into one of his family member's shoes, and discuss how you would react to the situation.
4. What lessons does John learn from his experience? What does Cylin learn?
5. How do you feel about Meyer? Would you struggle with taking revenge on him as John did? How do you think you would ultimately react?
6. Cylin shares her first experience with shooting a gun and her resulting repugnance for the weapon. Why do you think her brothers have such a different opinion about guns?
7. Cite examples of the ways Cylin's life changes because of her dad's injury.
8. How are the themes of friendship and family woven into the story?
9. Why do you think Cylin wrote the words "Help me" in her closet before she moved?
10. What lessons did you personally learn from reading this book?



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