

Reader Questions for *Gone Without a Trace*

2. When *Gone Without a Trace* opens, Livy is struggling with the death of a teenage boy who robbed a convenience store. Do you think police officers have difficulty dealing with some aspects of their jobs?
2. Livy wondered where God was when the shooting occurred and why he didn't stop it. Do you think she had a legitimate question? Is it difficult sometimes to understand why bad things happen? What is one way to deal with situations where it seems God isn't in control.
3. Alex wants to be a private investigator, but his father and grandfather want him to follow in their footsteps and go into politics. How do you think people should handle a situation like this? Have you ever been pressured by with family members to do one thing when you'd rather do something else altogether?
4. Alex has a law degree, but he hasn't taken the bar exam. Why do you think he has put off taking it?
5. After her mother's death when Livy was seven, her father took off for Alaska, keeping in touch with the family only sporadically. How do you think this would affect his daughters? How might it cause problems with them in the area of forming close relationships with men?
6. Robyn and Chase married after she learned she was pregnant with Abby, and Robyn always believed Chase would not have married her otherwise. What do you think? Why do you think this?
7. After Robyn was abducted and beaten, she suffered post traumatic stress and did not contact her husband. Why do you think she didn't contact Chase?
8. Livy always protected Robyn. Do you think it's a good idea to always come to someone's defense? Why or Why not?
9. Alex lives in Texas and has roots that go all the way back to the Alamo. Livy in Mississippi. How do you see this relationship working out?
10. Do you believe Robyn and Chase will get back together? Why or why not?