

## Reader Information Guide: *The Mystery of the Starlet's Shadow*

- **Approximate Reading Grade Level:** 6th–8th Grade. The prose is clear, engaging, and follows the "cozy mystery" tradition, making it accessible to middle-school readers while remaining enjoyable for adults.
- **Recommended Grade Level:** All Ages (Family-Friendly). The book is specifically designed to be appropriate for all readers, emphasizing community, history, and a "wholesome" mystery atmosphere.
- **Trigger Notices:** \* **Mild Peril:** Characters face environmental hazards like icy trails and steep ridges.
  - **Corporate Conflict:** Some readers may find the themes of aggressive land development and potential displacement of small businesses stressful.
  - **Historical Tensions:** Mentions of past "Little Hollywood" era conflicts, though these are presented as historical puzzles to be solved.
- **Adult Content Synopsis:** The novel contains **no "spicy," racy, or graphic adult content**. The author explicitly states there is no "spice," no blood, and no cursing. Romantic elements are limited to light, wholesome "sparks" and emotional connection, such as an accidental brush of knuckles.
- **Parental Information (Under-18 Readers):**
  - **Community Values:** The story heavily features themes of protecting local heritage and small-town identity against corporate interests.
  - **Positive Role Models:** The protagonists, Finn and Chloe, demonstrate teamwork, problem-solving, and respect for history.
  - **Environmental Awareness:** The book emphasizes respect for nature, including the dangers of the wilderness and the importance of trail maintenance.

- **Conflict Resolution:** While there is a "villain" (Marcus Thorne), the conflict is primarily intellectual and legal rather than violent.