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**The Ghost's Grave** by Peg Kenret

Book Talk:

Josh is sent to spend the summer with his great Aunt Ethel. He's not happy about this, but things turn out differently than he expected. He becomes friends with an one-hundred-year-old ghost and finds a box of money...\$130,000 dollars worth!

(Read page 6?) (Read pg. 169 from second sentence "I waited" or later until "help" near the end of the page?)

What does Josh's Aunt Ethel drive? (Old truck)

Why did Josh have to spend the summer with her? (Parents were working in India over the summer)

What was Aunt Ethel's specialty? (Baking Cakes)

What was her secret ingredient? (Sour Cream)

Have you ever baked a cake from scratch? From a box mix?

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What did Aunt Ethel kill the night Josh arrived? (bat)

What did Josh like to go to in the woods to read in? (Tree House)

What animals does Josh see in the woods? (cats, deer)

What does Josh call the stray mother cat? (Mrs. Stray)

Whos is the 100-year-old ghost? (Willie)

How did he die? (Mining accident)

Why did the banker pick Willie's grave to bury the \$ he stole? (no records of whose grave it was and it just had initials on it)

What was buried there? (Willie's leg bone)

Where did the banker steal the money from? (Fundraiser for the Animal Shelter)

Why was Willie still a ghost after all these years? (He hadn't found love, angry about the mining blast that killed him)

Where did Willie want his leg moved to? (Where the rest of him was buried – where he used to fish)

Do you think it was a good idea that Josh didn't mail the first 3 letters that he wrote? (why? – they were about the ghost, the bat, and being on his own)

What modern things didn't Aunt Ethel have? (microwave, computer, etc.)