

**Deep And Dark And Dangerous**  
**by Mary Downing Hahn**

Q. Where did Claire & Dulcie spend their summer vacations when they were growing up?

A. Gull Cottage on Sycamore Lake in Maine.

Q. What did Ali find in a Nancy Drew book in her attic?

A. An old photo from 1977, of her mother, aunt and the arm & blonde hair of another girl whose face had been torn off.

Q. How did Ali know that the girl torn from the photo had a name beginning with T?

A. A **T** was written on the back of the photo.

Q. What did Sissy want?

A. Sissy wanted her bones buried in the graveyard, not left under the rock ledge at the bottom of the lake.

Q. Was Sissy a ghost?

A. Yes.

Q. Why did the sisters lie about what happened to Teresa?

A. Claire & Dulcie were not supposed to take out the canoe without an adult.

Q. Who called Teresa, Sissy?

A. Her older sister.

Q. What was Emma's favorite book?

A. *The Lonely Doll* by Dare Wright

Q. Why was Ali's Mom always sick?

A. Claire had headaches because she was nervous & sensitive. It was hard for Claire to live knowing what had happened to Teresa & knowing that she and Dulcie had not told the truth.

Q. Why did Dulcie return to the cottage?

A. To paint.

Q. Was Ali a good babysitter?

A. Yes, Ali played with Emma & read to her.

Q. What book was Ali reading for the summer?

A. *To Kill a Mocking Bird* by Harper Lee.

Q. What happened to Teresa?

A. Teresa drowned when she swam after the Edith doll that Dulcie threw out of the canoe. The canoe tipped over. Claire & Dulcie hung on to it & floated to the shore by the rocks. Teresa was lost in the fog on the lake. The sisters left the canoe, ran home & later lied that they had been in the house all day.

Q. Do you believe in ghosts?

A. Yes or No.

Q. Do you think life will be easier for Dulcie & Emma, Claire & Ali at the end of the story?

A. Yes, because the truth has been told. It is hard to live with a lie.