



## Discussion Questions for **TO LAY TO REST OUR GHOSTS** By Caitlin Hamilton Summie



1. In which stories are characters facing ghosts? What kinds of ghosts do they face? Do they vanquish their ghosts?
2. In this collection, two stories link, and then another three stories link, but they are not placed consecutively. Why do you think the author made that choice?
3. Births and funerals are a cause of friction in several of these stories. Why are these life events so difficult for these particular characters?
4. How important are siblings in some of these stories?
5. The author uses constellations and the act of turning as metaphors. How do these metaphors reflect key moments? What other metaphors are important to her stories?
6. Is setting a character in **TO LAY TO REST OUR GHOSTS**?
7. Is weather as important to this author as setting?
8. How important is history in these stories?
9. What kinds of geographies is the author writing about?
10. Do you find the cover calming or lonely? Or both?