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**Etched in Sand Chapter 1: Bitten Bones**

Characters:

Cherie --

Camille -

Regina -

Norman -

Rosie-

Cookie-

Places they lived:

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Why does Cookie take the "scenic route" instead of the highways? Page #

How did the kids mow the lawn? Page #

On page 9, Camille "fingers the keys Cookie left in the ignition", what does that mean to the girls?

How did the children get their names? Page#

What does Regina call her little sister? Page #

How does Regina calculate the cost of her mother's ensemble? Page #

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## Chapter 2- Building Sand Castles

What does Rosie use on her bed instead of a blanket? Page#

Describe what Camille and Regina wear to go food shopping?

What does Regina put in the box? Page#

“Glue Factory” 621 Lake Ave. St. James Why is this place meaningful to Regina? Page#

Describe Cordwood Beach:

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Who was Kathy? Page#

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Why does Camille leave Regina and the kids in Centereach?

Why does Camille leave Regina with dimes?

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### Chapter 3- And Then There Were Three

What is their goal?

Camille and Regina overheard their social worker who said, "In 1980, over 5000 kids were monitored by CPS in Suffolk County. Some ended up in shelters where they were beaten and raped. On page 29, what was the shelter referred to?

What would Cookie do with the money she and Regina earned working in the deli?

What does Regina daydream about?

Why was Amelia Earhart Regina's heroine?

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What did Regina do to curb her appetite?

How did Regina get school clothes?

Where did Cookie take the kids to get school clothes?

What does Cookie's homecoming mean to Regina?

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## Chapter 4- Breaking Pact

How does Regina try to hide the marks from the beating?

What does Mr. Brown do to persuade Regina to tell him what happened?

Who did Regina find at the house when she came home?

What does the social worker tell Regina?

What does emancipation mean?

How does the social worker persuade Regina to tell her what happened?

Who did Regina call with the dime from the social worker? What is the significance, when Cookie yells, "I will get you back!"

Why is the title of the chapter significant?

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## Chapter 5- Failure to Thrive

Why did the new foster home only take Camille and Regina?

Who are Addie and Frank Peterman?

What is Regina's impression of the Peterman's and their house?

What are Regina's three possessions?

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Why are they special to her? Do we know yet?

What are the house rules at the Peterman's ? Do they sound reasonable?

Where do the Peterman's like to vacation? Have the girls ever been on vacation?

What is Regina's earliest memory?

Why did Regina call Cookie her "Christmas Momma"?

Why did Cherie call Camille and Regina "me too"?

Where did they get that nickname?

What was "Papa's" reaction to the house he brought the girls to?

Was he really her papa?

What kind of relationship do you think Regina has with her "papa"?

## Chapter 5- Failure to Thrive p2

What does Cookie say to Regina when she comes into the apartment?

What is Regina's reaction to the gift?

What does Cookie do after "momma" and Susan leave?

What does Cookie tell Regina when she calls for her "Papa"?

What does Cookie do to Regina?

What do the girls teach Regina to do so she doesn't cry?

What does Cookie call baby Norman?

Who is tasked to take care of baby Norman?

What happens when Cookie's husband Norman gets mad? How has things changed for the girls?

Who finds Regina when she runs away?

What is her reaction?

What does Cookie do to her?

What happens to Norman Sr.? Who is Vito?

How are Norman and Vito different? How are they similar? (Use Venn Diagram )

Where do the girls go when the snow melts?

What do the girls do with Norman when they go shopping?

How do they food shop?

Where do the girls take Norman when it gets warmer?

What happens after Rosie is born?

## Chapter 5- Failure to Thrive p3

How do the kids get put back into foster care?

What happens in the foster home?

What does Regina finally understand about foster care?

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What do you think she means when she says "Being a foster kid is little bit like being a dog:

You have no control over the kind of family who will take you.

What does the social worker say about Regina when she is at the Tenley's house? Norman?

What is the teacher's reaction to Regina? What does Regina say to the teacher about her ability to read?

What happened to Rosie?

What did Mrs. Tenley tell the social worker?

What was Regina really doing?

Why is the title of the chapter significant?

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## Chapter 6 - Houses of Sand

What changes every few months?

What is Regina's reaction to the new house in Smithtown?

Do you think it will last?

What is her presumption about the "new guy" when she sees him?

How did Cookie purchase the house?

What does Karl do for a living?

How is he different from the other men in Cookie's life?

Why does Regina listen to his stories so intently?

Why is Cookie "happy"?

Do the kids seem to be "happy"?

What is Cookie's reaction to the photographer asking, "Do we need to wait for your husband?"

What happened to Vito?

What does the Mothers and Fathers Italian Association stand for?

What is Cookie's reaction to the portrait?

What do the kids do while Karl and Cookie are at work?

Does it last?

Where does Regina go to hide and what does she bring with her?

Why does Ms. Muse take an interest in Regina?

What does Ms. Muse tell Regina?

What is the house in Rocky Point like?



## Chapter 6 p2

What do the kids use to insulate the floors in the house?

Describe the "snorkel" p111

What do the kids use to keep warm?

What song do the girls sing on the way home?

What does the song symbolize for them?

What songs does Regina teach Rosie?

What does the song promise?

Do the kids go to school in Rocky Point?

What happens to Cherie?

What happens to the kids?

What does Camille do when they move to Brentwood?

Describe the new foster family:

Does Regina like it there?

Why do Regina and Camille change their mind about writing a letter to the court?

Where is their home with Karl and Cookie located?

Why does Cookie put Regina in a room next to hers and Karl's? What happens?

Does Regina like going back to her old elementary school?

What happens to Vito?

P 121 Why does Regina send "signals" for people to keep away from her?

What does she do instead of hanging out with her friends?

## Chapter 6 p3

Why does Regina go to church?

What happens to Karl?

What does Regina's teacher say to her about Rosie? Why?

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### Chapter 7 - Keeping Pact

What is packed in Cookie's car? What is Regina's reaction to the items in the car? What did she have to leave behind? What items did she take?

Where is Cookie taking them? What are the kid's reaction to their destination?

Describe the encounter with Cookie's parents:

What does Regina want to do?

Who is "Baby Elephant Man"?

What does Cookie buy with the twenty dollars her mother gave her?

Who is Cookie going to ask for "help"?

Who is Nick? How does Regina describe him?

Who is Mike Calcaterra? Where does he work?

How do they shop?

Why does it seem Regina recalls things around the time of her birthday?

P 132- What is the most thrilling thing about the new house?

Why can't the kids register for school in W. Babylon?

Where do Cherie and Camille go to live?

Where do the kids live?

What time of year is it?

What do the kids do while Cookie is in the bars?

What does Regina figure out when the owners gives her money?

They move to Commack and live above the deli that Cookie works at, who moves back?

## Chapter 7 - Keeping Pact p2

Why did the kids get on the bus to go to school, when they couldn't register?

Why couldn't they register for school?

Who helped Regina register the kids?

Who's "voice" does she hear?

What did she tell her?

What makes her feel "safe"?

What does Camille do to make her feel like a teenager?

How is her dancing different from Cookie's dancing?

What does Cookie do when Regina tells her the coat was stolen?

What does Cookie do to Camille? Why?

Why do Camille and Regina stay home?

With Camille and Cherie gone for the summer, what does Regina do?

How much money did Regina earn from Hank?

What did Cookie do with the money?

What did Regina do to earn extra money?

What did Regina do with the money?

What does Regina do to relieve her "pain"?

What is Cookie's reaction to it? What does it imply?

Who sees Regina in the deli?

How does Cookie describe his reaction?

What are Regina's thoughts?

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## Chapter 8 - Empty Emancipation

How does Regina spend her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday?

Based on her experiences with the foster care system, does she think things will improve or get worse?

What does Ms. Davis tell the girls about the report they had given?

What does Regina make Ms. Davis swear?

What does Ms. Davis tell Regina and Camille they have to make plans for?

Has Ms. Davis seen a foster child go to college?

What does Regina think as to Ronald Regan's question, "Are you better off than you were four years ago?"

What are Camille's plans?

Where does Camille get work?

Who are Regina's new friends, why do they want to be her friend?

What is Regina's view on a "normal" family? P158

What do her friends know about her living situation?

What do Norman and Rosie tell Camille and Regina about the foster homes they are in?

## Chapter 8 - Empty Emancipation p2

What does their Social Worker tell them?

What happens at Christmas?

Why doesn't the social worker, Ms. Harvey, react when the girls ask her to call the police?

It is after New Year's, when they track down Cookie at her new boyfriend's house, why won't Cookie turn the kids over?

What does Regina predict will happen come April?

What happens in March?

What happens when Camille and Regina try to mend fences with Cookie? P166

How does Regina find out the results of the hearing?

What is Regina's reaction when Addie wants her to see a doctor?

How does Regina react to the doctor's examination?

When school starts, what sport does Regina try out for?

What happens in October? What is Ms. Harvey's reaction?

What code does Regina come up with when she finally speaks to Rosie?

Who does Regina call when Ms. Harvey won't help her?

What does Cookie say, when she gets called to the school?

How does Regina feel?

Why does Regina check the phone book?

What does Mr. Kelly tell Regina?

What does Camille's guidance counselor tell her?

How does Regina find Julia?

How do the Cheri and Camille remember the "Happy House"?

Why does Addie cry when Regina tells her about reaching out to her birth father?

What is Regina's reaction to Addie crying?

What is Paul's reaction to Regina reaching out to him?

How does Regina respond to Paul?



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## Chapter 9- Out of Idaho

Where is Regina when the chapter begins?

Where is Camille?

What do both Camille & Regina promise?

Where is Cherie?

In the summer, what is Regina doing?

How has Regina evolved?

Where does Regina transfer to?

What does Addie tell Regina when Regina tells her she was transferring to a different school? How does Regina feel?

What does Camille tell Regina to do at college?

What does Addie tell Regina as she is leaving with Cheryl?

What time is her International Politics class?

What is her impression of her new roommate?

Why does Prof. Brownstein ask if they are registered to vote? p 200

What is happening to Rosie in Idaho? Who does Regina turn to? Why does she open up?



## Chapter 9- Out of Idaho p2

Why does Prof. Brownstein teach his class? P 202

What happened when Regina spoke to her social worker about Rosie?

What does Cherie do to get Rosie?

What amazes the girls about Camille's husband Frankie? p209

Who calls looking for Rosie?

What happens as Regina and Rosie leave the movies?

When Regina calls Camille, what does she tell her?

What does Ms. Harvey tell Regina after she explains what has happened? p 216

How does Regina's uncle react to Regina's comment to him? P218

What is your impression of "Uncle Nick"? What about his wife?

Why was Rosie taking off her coat symbolic to Regina? p 219

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## Chapter 10 - Aging Out

What does Prof. Brownstein tell Regina about her class?

That fall, where does Regina move to? Why is it important?

What does Regina realize? p223

What does she promise herself she will do?

Who does Regina intern for? Is this a turning point for her?

What is her answer when asked why she is there? p224

What does Regina compare the process to "alter public policy" to?

What does Regina's friend call her? Why?

Who recommends Regina for the debate team?

What words did the coach use to describe her?

After Regina graduated college, what was Cookie's comment to Regina?

What is Regina's reaction? What did Cookie tell Regina about why she "hurt" her? p230

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## Chapter 11 - The Happy House

What did Regina's grandfather notice after Cookie flew back to Idaho?

Who was Rosie living with in Idaho at that time? Are you surprised?

Did Rosie reunite with her siblings?

After graduation, Regina's friends are getting jobs, what does she realize?

What was Regina's first job out of college? Why was it important for her? Was it a high paying job? p234

What was Regina's roll in getting the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) passed? Why was the Americans with Disabilities Act important? How does it help the disabled today? Who is Alan Hevesi? Who is Bobby Kennedy Jr? Why is he an important figure?

Where does Regina work next? What does she see every day during her commute? What does she do?

Full time job, taking 12 credits in law school, plus volunteering; does that sound familiar? Can you identify with Regina?

How would you describe Regina at this point in her life?

What does Regina reach out to her father again? What is his reaction?

What does Alan Hevesi ask Regina to do for him? Who does she meet?

Who is Geraldine Ferraro? Why does she compare meeting Geraldine Ferraro like meeting Amelia Earhart? What does Geraldine Ferraro ask Regina to do for her?

Why does Addie call Regina? Why is it important? p249

Who is Aunt Julia?

How does Camille recall who Aunt Julia could be?

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## Chapter 12 - A Child at Any Age

What did Regina remember about Aunt Julia's house? What does she call it? p 256

What does Aunt Julia tell Regina about her father Paul?

What is Julia's thoughts on Cookie leaving the girls?

When did Julia say it became "a big mess"? How did her uncle feel about what Paul and Cookie handled everything?

What was Julia's condition about answering Regina's questions?

As Regina is leaving Aunt Julia's who does she run into? What did they call Camille? p 261

Which house was the "Bubble House"?

On Regina's way home, what does she remember? p 261

Norman calls Camille to give her news about Cookie- what was it? What is Regina hoping for? P 263

What is Cookie's reaction when Regina says good bye?

Why does Cookie change religions?

According to Camille, what did Cookie do right? p 267

"The lives Cookie gave us were only etched in sand, able to be erased and written all over again... better, with meaning" what does this mean?

At this point in time, what kind of relationship does Camille, Regina, and Cherie have with Rosie?

How does Regina describe Todd?

What is Paul's reaction to Julia contacting him? What does Regina really want from him?

What is Paul concerned about?

How does Paul threaten Regina?

Why does Camille believe in Regina's need to know who her father is?

## Chapter 12- A Child at Any Age p2

Why does Ralph Moldauer take Regina's case? p272

What argument is he going to use?

Regina asks Julia for a letter to help her case against Paul. What is her answer?

What do you think about this quote "A child should be a child at any age when it comes to knowing who their father is." Do you agree or disagree? Why?

As Regina read Paul's defense, what does she realize? p279

Why does the Bible verse, "The truth will set you free." resonate for Regina?

What does the court decided? Do you agree with their decision? Why or why not?

How does Regina feel about the results of the DNA test?

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## Chapter 13 - Beacons of Light

When Regina receives her amended birth certificate, how does she feel about the "blanks" being filled in?

After telling Camille about her birth certificate, what does Camille tell Regina to do? Why? How does Regina use Facebook to locate Rosie? What was the end result?

What political position did Regina run for in 2010? Are you surprised that she ran for a political position?

In the story, what position did she get with Suffolk County?

Do you think her life had come full circle?

What happened to Camille?

Why was "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" played at Regina's nephew's wedding?

## Epilogue -

Where was Regina during Hurricane Sandy?

To which position did Governor Cuomo appoint her?

How does Regina help older foster children today?

Think back to when Regina was asked why she wanted to pursue a career in politics. She replied, "Politics is the allocation of resources... I want to know who allocates the resources and why some people benefit from them while others suffer." p224 Do you think she was able to do that? Please give examples.

How has Regina's experiences affected you? What lessons have you learned from her? If you could tell her how her story has influenced your life, what would you tell her?