

# Not Just Proms and Parties: Chelsea's Ride

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## Chapters 1 & 2

### I. Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

(1) Who is Denny Waddell?

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(2) Why does Chelsea Davison dislike Denny?

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(3) Put in Chelsea's situation, with Denny at her house, what would you have said or done when Chelsea's mother announced that Denny would be eating dinner with the family?

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(4) Chelsea and Jamal are good friends. Describe in your own words how the two became friends.

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(5) Chelsea backs her father's car into a parked vehicle and severely damages it. Her parents are extremely angry with her for being so careless. Do you think that their punishment is too lenient or too harsh? Explain why.

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## **II. Explain what the underlined words mean in the context of each of the following sentences.**

(6) "So who are you going out with?" he asked when he had stopped guffawing like a hyena.

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(7) "Perhaps Denny would like to join you," her mother suggested. Chelsea looked at her with disbelief. Had the woman grown horns and a tail? Was she born in the goddamn bowels of the earth or something?

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(8) He chatted animatedly with her parents and Leanne, looking over at Chelsea after every sentence and grinning like a gargoyle.

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## **III. Describe, in your own words, what the following sentences mean.**

(9) And just like that, Chelsea was without wheels. It felt as though someone had sentenced her to life in prison without days off for good behavior. Driving was her escape from the mundane existence of the Davidson household.

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## IV. Vocabulary Words: Define the following words, then put the word into context (as it appears in the novel) by explaining what the full sentence means.

*SUSPICIOUSLY (P.17)*

Definition:

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In context:

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*CHORTLE (P.21)*

Definition:

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In context:

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*ANTIQUE (P.25)*

Definition:

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In context:

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*RESOLUTE (P.27)*

Definition:

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In context:

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*MUNDANE (P.28)*

Definition:

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In context:

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## Chapters 3 & 4

### **I. Answer the following questions using complete sentences.**

(1) Describe what Chelsea's part time job is.

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(2) Describe what Chelsea must wear while working at The Chocolate Shoppe.

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(3) Chelsea does not especially like working at The Chocolate Shoppe. She would like to find a better job. What would your ideal part time job be if you could have the choice of any job?

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(4) What happens to convince Chelsea that her job at The Chocolate Shoppe might be worth keeping?

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(5) Why do you think Chelsea suspects that Denny is using her sister, Leanne, to get to her?

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## **II. Explain what the underlined words mean in the context of each of the following sentences.**

(6) Chelsea met her eyes for a moment, watching as the girl lit up, inhaled, and then, with a challenging jut of her jaw, blew smoke directly into Chelsea's face before turning away.

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(7) The girl had stung her for a dollar twenty.

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(8) She'd have to figure out a way to get his attention. Sans costume. No use trying to edge in on him while she was dressed like Bozo.

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## **III. Describe, in your own words, what the following sentences mean.**

(9) It had taken some grovelling and some tears, and the promise that the jacket could be borrowed once or twice, but it was worth it, even though she now owed Leanne more money than she'd be able to repay in a year of weekly allowances.

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*TROTting* (P.31)

Definition:

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In context:

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*SCOWLED* (P.32)

Definition:

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In context:

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*ANONYMITY* (P.41)

Definition:

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In context:

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*EVASIVE* (P.49)

Definition:

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In context:

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*INCONVENIENCED* (P.53)

Definition:

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In context:

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## Chapters 5 & 6

### **I. Answer the following questions using complete sentences.**

(1) If you were Chelsea, would you ask Denny to drive you to work or home? Why or why not?

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(2) Describe how Chelsea feels when Devon comes to speak to her and offers to buy her some coffee.

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(3) Leanne accuses Chelsea of using Denny for rides and not caring about his feelings. Do you agree or disagree with Leanne's accusations?

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## **II. Explain what the underlined words mean in the context of each of the following sentences.**

(4) It was as though she had been injected with a dose of adrenaline. Her serves were perfect, her returns dead on.

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(5) She had planted the seed that could grow into a viable relationship with Denny and his car. Now all she had to do was figure out a way to keep it fertilized.

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(6) She saw Leanne's face freeze and it came to her like a bucket of cold water poured over her head. She stepped back and flattened herself against the wall in mock horror.

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## **III. Describe, in your own words, what the following sentences mean.**

(7) She put her head back and laughed as though he had just said something incredibly amusing, then leaned toward him and squeezed her face into his shoulder. "Just humor me, all right?" she hissed under her breath.

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*VYING (P.62)*

Definition:

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In context:

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*JOSTLING (P.63)*

Definition:

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In context:

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*PROVOCATIVELY (P.64)*

Definition:

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In context:

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*VIABLE (P.66)*

Definition:

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In context:

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*REPROACH (P.75)*

Definition:

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In context:

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## Chapters 7 & 8

### **I. Answer the following questions using complete sentences.**

(1) Chelsea was very forward and confident when she approached Devon to ask him to go out to lunch with her. Would you feel as confident and secure in doing the same thing?

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(2) Chelsea doesn't get rejected but she does not get the response she is looking for from Devon. Make suggestions of ways Chelsea could have approached the situation so that Devon would have responded differently.

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(3) Jamal makes the following comment about Chelsea after she speaks to Devon: "Does he know what he's getting into?" What do you think Jamal means by this?

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(4) Describe Chelsea and Devon's encounter with Briana at The Grinder's Café.

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(5) While in The Grinder's, Devon kept glancing at Briana even though he was with Chelsea. If you were Chelsea, would you have said or done anything?

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## II. Vocabulary Words: Define the following words, then put the word into context (as it appears in the novel) by explaining what the full sentence means.

*NUISANCE (P.78)*

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In context:

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*SWAYED (P.82)*

Definition:

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In context:

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*CELIBACY (P.82)*

Definition:

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In context:

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*BRISKLY (P.87)*

Definition:

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In context:

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*BLUSHED (P.88)*

Definition:

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In context:

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## Chapters 9 & 10

### **I. Answer the following questions using complete sentences.**

(1) Briana seems to be everywhere Devon and Chelsea go. Do you think it is a coincidence or that Briana is stalking them, or perhaps there is another reason? Give your opinion.

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(2) Chelsea believes it is only too obvious that Briana is stalking them. If you were Chelsea, what would you do if you were always seeing Briana whenever you were out with Devon?

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(3) Chelsea continues to use Denny for rides. She then figures out that Denny and Leanne are a couple. If you were Chelsea, would you continue to depend on Denny for transportation or treat him differently now that he is dating Leanne?

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(4) Should Chelsea have reacted differently when Devon told her he was hanging out with Briana because her grandfather had died? What would you have told Devon?

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## II. Describe, in your own words, what the following sentences mean.

(5) The movie was good, but Devon had to ask several times what was going on. Chelsea had noticed it before – Devon wasn't the sharpest tool in the shed.

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## III. Vocabulary Words: Define the following words, then put the word into context (as it appears in the novel) by explaining what the full sentence means.

*ANNOYANCE (P.94)*

Definition:

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In context:

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*SMUGLY (P.95)*

Definition:

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In context:

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*OBVIOUS (P.96)*

Definition:

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In context:

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*HORRENDOUS (P.98)*

Definition:

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In context:

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## *TRANSITION (P.101)*

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In context:

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## Chapters 11 & 12

### **I. Answer the following questions using complete sentences.**

(1) Chelsea confronts Briana in the washroom at The Grinder's. She is very surprised at what Briana tells her. What does Briana say that Chelsea was unaware of?

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(2) On Friday night, Chelsea had planned to have Devon over to her house because her family would not be home. However, Chelsea learned that Devon was sick and would not be coming over. What is the shocking news Chelsea receives from her friends? How does she react to the news?

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(3) Devon hints at Chelsea that he used her to make Briana jealous. Devon is not the only person using someone though. Who has Chelsea been using? What lesson has Chelsea perhaps learned from all of this?

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(4) How does Leanne react when she hears that Chelsea and Devon have broken up?

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**II. Vocabulary Words: Define the following words, then put the word into context (as it appears in the novel) by explaining what the full sentence means.**

*PSYCHOTIC (P.106)*

Definition:

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In context:

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*DEJECTION (P.115)*

Definition:

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In context:

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*STRAGGLERS (P.115)*

Definition:

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In context:

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*DIGNITY (P.116)*

Definition:

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In context:

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*VULNERABLE (P.120)*

Definition:

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In context:

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## Chapters 13 & 14

### **I. Answer the following questions using complete sentences.**

(1) When Devon called the morning after they broke up, Chelsea had hoped that he might have perhaps changed his mind. What actually happened when they met up?

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(2) Chelsea told Devon the following: "Do you really think that you could hurt me?" What did Chelsea mean when she said this? In reality, was she actually hurt by the breakup and Devon's actions?

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(3) Chelsea's father was furious at her for driving the car while her parents were away. Why do you think Leanne lied and told their father she had driven the car?

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(4) What is Chelsea's new job?

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(5) Jamal visits Chelsea at her new job. What does Chelsea realize while he is there?

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(6) Jamal tells Chelsea she is too self-centered to have as a girlfriend. Do you think this is true? Why or why not?

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## II. Explain what the underlined words mean in the context of each of the following sentences.

(7) She closed the car door, went into the house, and ran up to her room for a good, let it loose, the-hell-with-swollen-eyes kind of cry.

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(8) Chelsea looked across at Leanne and tried to thank her with her eyes. Leanne lifted her Coke in what Chelsea took to be a silent salute of sisterly conspiracy.

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## III. Vocabulary Words: Define the following words, then put the word into context (as it appears in the novel) by explaining what the full sentence means.

*DELIBERATELY (P.123)*

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In context:

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*DEMEANOR (P.123)*

Definition:

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In context:

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## *SCRUTINY (P.128)*

Definition:

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In context:

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## *EXPLICIT (P.129)*

Definition:

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In context:

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## *RETORTED (P.134)*

Definition:

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In context:

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