**10 Fun Facts: The Ghostly Guardian**

***The Haunted Chronicles***

1. The Inspiration for Emily  
   Emily’s character was inspired by the author’s childhood fascination with Victorian ghost stories and her love of exploring old, mysterious houses.
2. The House Is Real!  
   The eerie Victorian mansion described in the story is loosely based on an actual abandoned house the author discovered while on a road trip in New England.
3. Hidden Clues in the Artwork  
   The book’s cover contains subtle hints about Emily’s past, including the shadow of a rocking chair and ivy-covered gravestone etched faintly in the background.
4. Emily’s Favorite Book  
   The fairy tale book Emily cherished was modeled after the author’s favorite childhood book, *The Complete Grimm’s Fairy Tales.*
5. Ghostly Giggles  
   The idea of Emily giggling to get Lucy’s attention came from a real-life experience Stacey Bottone had while touring a reportedly haunted house.
6. The Name William  
   The ominous character William was named after a historical figure from the 1800s who was infamous for his connection to mysterious fires.
7. Symbolism of the Locket  
   The locket Lucy keeps as a reminder of Emily symbolizes the bond between the living and the dead, as well as the power of friendship to transcend time.
8. A Hidden Letter  
   The letter in the attic is not the only secret in the house—if you read closely, there are subtle hints about William’s next move!
9. Emily’s Theme Song  
   If Emily had a theme song, the author imagines it would be “Somewhere Only We Know” by Keane, reflecting her longing for connection and home.
10. The Journal’s Origin  
    The old journal that Lucy and Emily discover in the attic was inspired by real vintage diaries the author once collected at estate sales, many of which contained cryptic entries.