**10 Fun Facts: The Vanishing Window**

***The Haunted Chronicles***

1. **The Window’s Origin**  
   The towering, ornately carved window in Grace’s room was inspired by an antique window Stacey Bottone saw in a historical home during a vacation. Its eerie, warped glass stayed in her imagination for years before making its way into this story.
2. **The House’s "Charm"**  
   The creaky old house where Grace and her family move was inspired by Victorian-era architecture. Stacey researched real haunted house legends to add a layer of authenticity to its spooky atmosphere.
3. **The Reflection’s Smile**  
   Grace’s reflection smiling on its own was one of the first chilling scenes Stacey envisioned for the book, and it remains a fan favorite for its creepiness.
4. **Real-Life Fear**  
   The concept of reflections behaving independently is rooted in the psychological phenomenon called *Capgras delusion*, where someone believes a mirror image is a duplicate or impostor.
5. **Zoey’s Character**  
   Zoey, Grace’s loyal and brave best friend, was modeled after Stacey’s childhood friend, who always stood by her during challenging times.
6. **The Name Grace**  
   Grace’s name symbolizes her inner strength and resilience, even as she faces the terrifying reflection. It’s also a subtle nod to the idea of "grace under pressure."
7. **Hidden Clues**  
   If you reread the book, you’ll notice small hints and foreshadowing about the reflection’s growing strength—especially in how Grace begins to feel weaker during the day.
8. **The Final Scene’s Inspiration**  
   The climactic moments with Grace and Zoey battling the reflection were inspired by a mix of Stacey’s love for escape room challenges and action-packed horror movies.
9. **The Epilogue’s Twist**  
   The idea for the epilogue, where Zoey suspects something is off about Grace, came to Stacey in a dream. It wasn’t part of the original outline but was added to leave readers questioning what’s real.
10. **Interactive Window Activity**  
    On the companion website, there’s an exclusive *Vanishing Window* mini-game where you can "trap" the reflection by solving puzzles inspired by the story’s events.

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