**When I Am Through With You**

**By Stephanie Kuehn**

**About the Book**

*“This isn’t meant to be a confession. Not in any spiritual sense of the word. Yes, I’m in jail at the moment. I imagine I’ll be here for a long time, considering. But I’m not writing this down for absolution and I’m not seeking forgiveness, not even from myself. Because I’m not sorry for what I did to Rose. I’m just not. Not for any of it.”*Ben Gibson is many things, but he’s not sorry and he’s not a liar. He will tell you exactly about what happened on what started as a simple school camping trip in the mountains. About who lived and who died. About who killed and who had the best of intentions. But he’s going to tell you in his own time. Because after what happened on that mountain, time is the one thing he has plenty of.

**About the Author**

Stephanie Kuehn is an author and a psychologist. Her debut young adult novel, CHARM & STRANGE, was the winner of the 2014 William C. Morris Debut YA Award, and her second novel for teens, COMPLICIT, was named to YALSA's 2015 Best Fiction for Young Adults list. Booklist has praised her work as “Intelligent, compulsively readable literary fiction with a dark twist." Stephanie lives in Northern California with her husband, their three children, and a joyful abundance of pets.

**If you enjoyed this book*:***

* *The Gunners by Rebecca Kauffman*
* *Our Kind of Cruelty by Araminta Hall*
* *Dread Nation by Justina Ireland*
* *One of Us is Lying by Karen McManus*

**Discussion Questions**

1. What did you like about the book? Dislike?
2. Did anything surprise you?
3. Discuss the different characters in the book. Who was your favorite? Least favorite? Explain why.
4. Do you think the characters in this book are representative of “average” teenagers?
5. Discuss the relationship between Ben and Rose. How did it influence the course of events?
6. The ending of this book was ambiguous about Ben’s fate. What do you think happened? What do you think should have happened?
7. What was your reaction to finding out about Ben and what happened to his stepfather?
8. Did you agree with Ben’s reasoning for killing Rose?
9. How do you think his classmates feel about the trip? How would you?
10. If you could ask the author anything, what would it be?