**Mrs. Smith’s Spy School for Girls**  
*Beth McMullen*

**GENRE:** Adventure  
**LEXILE:** 630L

**RELEVANT WEBSITES:**  
Beth McMullen’s Site  
GoodReads Link  
Simon & Schuster (includes reading group guide)

**BOOK SUMMARY:**

Abigail Hunter is not your typical 12-year-old student. She pushes boundaries while trying to find her place. When she receives an acceptance letter in the mail for a boarding school, she is confused and wonders if it is because of the times she broke the rules. As she attends the boarding school, she learns that it is a secret spy school where she can find clues, learn secrets, and embark on dangerous adventures.

**BOOKTALK:**

It can be thrilling to open the mailbox and see a letter with your name on it—unless that letter is an acceptance letter to boarding school. Abby Hunter didn’t expect this letter and fears that her bad choices have landed her there. Once she arrives, she begins to learn that the school is not all that it seems and that her mom has been hiding a complicated secret. Before long, she is entangled in clues, narrow escapes, and dangers in a fight to save her friends and an enemy. Will she be able to find success and believe in herself as she fights for the truth? Read to discuss whether she has what it takes to make it in *Mrs. Smith’s Spy School for Girls*!

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Why does Abby try to escape Smith School the first time?  
2. What is the truth about the missing Veronica?  
3. How does Abby discover the truth about Bronwyn and Tom?  
4. What is “The Center”?  
5. How does Abby and Toby’s relationship change throughout the story?

**IF YOU ENJOYED THIS, YOU MIGHT ALSO ENJOY:**

1. *Spy School Series* by Stuart Gibbs  
2. *Princess Academy* by Shannon Hale  
3. *The School for Good and Evil Series* by Soman Chainani  
4. *Hunters of Chaos Books* by Crystal Velasquez

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