

Howliday Inn James Howe

Dear Reader, The guy who usually writes these letters asked me to do it instead. Maybe he was having a bad writing day. Maybe he wanted me to play the sap for him. Or maybe he ran into Trouble with a capital T. Well, Trouble's in my business. I'm a dog. I'm a detective. The name's Bud Barkin. And this book is about the case I had involving a dame named Delilah Gorbish, whom I would call Trouble with a capital T except I've used that metaphor already, and the clown named Crusty Carmady whose calling card is a teakettle that he heaves through windows. Nice pair of birds. The mystery deepens with another character called the Big Fish, who isn't really a fish and who's addicted to the Home Shopping Network. Hey, I don't write 'em—I just solve 'em. Yours truly, Bud Barkin, P.E.

Dear possible reader of this book, My editor asked me to write a third book in my series, Tales from the House of Bunnacula. And did I have trouble getting started! I was afraid I used up all my ideas. But faster than a writer can say "What if?" I came up with a story! It's about a lovable and smart (not to mention cute) orphan wirehaired dachshund puppy named Howie, who has a mysterious pain in his leg and is mysteriously invited to attend the Dogwiz Academy for Canine Conjurers. Together, Howie and his best friend, the very, very, very smart Delilah, who speaks in a British accent in this book for some reason, discover they must fight a sinister foe...The-Evil-Force-Whose-Nam-C'not-Be-Spoke!!! Your friend, Howie

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Dear possible reader of this book, After I wrote my first book, *It Came from Beneath the Bed!*, my editor asked me to write another one. (Another one! This is hard work! I'd like to see him write another one!) So anyway...in this book the lovable and smart (not to mention talented) wirehaired dachshund puppy named Howie and his friend, the beautiful and brilliant Delilah, face their biggest challenge yet: the Mind Swappers from Asteroid 6!™ Along the way Delilah gets turned into a squirrel and has to beg for acorns. (Hey, don't ask me! Read the book!) Your friend, Howie

First there is the omen: A relentless rain stops suddenly at 3:00 am and Chester shows Harold and Howie a cat carrier, open and waiting, by the front door. Chester, who has been reading avidly about the paranormal, predicts that they will soon be traveling someplace, and chances are they are not going to like it. Indeed they are not, as the very next day, with the sun shining bright and clear, the Monroes finally leave for their vacation, dropping Chester, Harold, and Howie off at the scene of some previous harrowing experiences -- Chateau Bow-Wow, the boarding kennel that Chester so aptly had dubbed "Howliday Inn." And this visit promises to be no less harrowing than the last one. The three are greeted by a whole new group of temporary residents. There's Hamlet, the Great Dane, whose sadness grows deeper with his certainty that his beloved master Archie will never return to pick him up. And Bob and Linda, a pair of yuppie puppies from fashionable Upper Centerville who have been left at Chateau Bow-Wow with a more than adequate supply of gourmet treats, also seem to have

been left with a more than adequate supply of worries. Then there are Felony and Miss Demeanor, sinister sisters in crime who pride themselves as cat burglars, and The Weasel who tries almost too hard to make a good impression. Chester is certain that nothing bodes well and he is right. Unexplained voices, buried bones, a collar with the name Rosebud on it, and a secret code all make for a paranormal experience that none of the guests at Chateau Bow-Wow will ever forget. Skeezie Tookis navigates a pivotal summer of first crushes and tough choices in this conclusion to the bestselling and acclaimed quartet that began with *The Misfits*. Skeezie Tookis, also known as Elvis, isn't looking forward to this summer in Paintbrush Falls. While his best friends Bobby, Joe, and Addie are off on exciting adventures, he's stuck at home, taking care of his sisters and working five days a week to help out his mom. True, he gets to hang out at the Candy Kitchen with the awesome HellomynameisSteffi, but he also has to contend with Kevin Hennessey's never-ending bullying. And then there's the confusing world of girls, especially hot-and-cold Becca, his maybe-crush. And the dog that he misses terribly. And the dad who left two years before, whom Skeezie is convinced is the cause of all his troubles. In the words of the King, Skeezie Tookis is *All Shook Up*. Skeezie's got the leather jacket of a tough guy, but a heart of gold--and his story, the fourth and final chapter of the beloved *Misfits* series, is brimming with life's tough choices, love in all directions, and enough sweet potato fries to go around. When Chester and Harold learn that the Amazing

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Karlovsky is coming to their town, they become suspicious that he may be using his performance as a way to pull Bunnacula, and others like him, out of his hat in order to take over the town.

An overnight camping trip! Not Harold's idea of fun. Too many mosquitoes, ticks and cockleburrs. But when the Monroe family set out, their faithful dog Harold was with them, mostly because he remembered that camping could also bring s'mores and toasted marshmallows. Howie, the other family dog, and Chester the cat were also included in the trip. Only Chester thought the idea was completely insane. The woods, he informed Harold, were not only full of cockleburrs and ticks, but of spirits, evil spirits who prey on the innocent. And on this, the worst night of the year -- St. George's Eve, when all spirits are set loose -- who knew what could happen. What Harold knew was that Chester was a well read, over-stimulated cat, full of weird ideas. He did not take Chester's worries too seriously. He had s'more to think about. But then, the Monroes set up camp near two strange men and their even stranger dog, and things began to happen that made even Harold wonder. Could Chester be right? This begins a long night, full of terrors and alarms, full of Chester's horrifying tale of how Bunnacula, the vampire bunny, was born and came to America, full of storms and a total sense of danger; and at the end came surprises that even Chester could not have predicted. Once again, the Monroe family may be the victims of evil forces or only of Chester's strange imagination. But whichever, the result is suspenseful and very, very funny.

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A SMALL BEAR WITH BIG ADVENTURES It's a boring, rainy afternoon -- the perfect time for Teddy Bear to share his scrapbook of memories with the little girls who owns him. And what memories Teddy Bear has! He's ridden a bucking bronco in the rodeo, been an ace crime reporter -- he's even starred in a movie! No wonder he's a bit worn and shabby. For an ordinary little girl with flat brown hair, it's hard to imagine being important to someone with Teddy's glamorous past. But there's always room in Teddy's life -- and his scrapbook -- for someone who loves him just the way he is.

Harold, Chester, and Howie have a harrowing Halloween night worrying about Bunnacula as well as about a witch who comes into the house.

"Bunnacula rules!" - Dav Pilkey, creator of Dog Man and Captain Underpants **BEWARE THE HARE!** When tomatoes suddenly go white, you have to wonder: is the cute wittle wabbit really a vampire? In this global bestselling classic, Harold the dog and Chester the cat must find out the truth about the newest pet in the Monroe household, a suspicious-looking bunny with unusual habits - and fangs! - before it's too late. In a second story, the Monroes have gone on vacation, leaving Harold and Chester at Chateau Bow-Wow. On the animals' first night there, the silence is pierced by mysterious cries in the dark, and Chester becomes convinced there are werewolves afoot. Soon animals start disappearing! Is it time for Harold and Chester to check out? A reader favourite for over 40 years! Perfect for fans of Roald Dahl, Goosebumps and My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish. This special bind-up volume contains the first two books of the original Bunnacula series, Bunnacula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery and Howliday Inn. This unique edition features a striking red metallic cover, spine and back cover.

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When Bunnacula the rabbit starts acting strangely, the Monroe dogs and cat renew their suspicions that he is a vampire. Lock up your veggies and get out your garlic—the complete Bunnacula collection is now available as a boxed set! Something wicked this way hops... Join Harold, Howie, Chester, and of course, Bunnacula for seven thrilling adventures—all together for the first time in one fur-raising boxed set! This complete collection includes paperback editions of Bunnacula, Howliday Inn, The Celery Stalks at Midnight, Nighty-Nightmare, Return to Howliday Inn, Bunnacula Strikes Again, and Bunnacula Meets Edgar Allan Crow.

Donald, a disfigured burn victim, helps Maria cope with her fears of undergoing open-heart surgery, and the two become firm, mutually supportive friends.

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.

The Monroe house is going mad with excitement. Pete has just won a contest, and the prize is a school visit from none other than M. T. Graves, Pete's idol and the bestselling author of the FleshCrawlers series. He's even going to stay with the Monroes while he's visiting! Harold and Howie are thrilled, but Chester the cat is suspicious. Why does Graves dress all in black? Why doesn't the beady-eyed crow perched on his shoulder say anything? Why has a threatening flock of crows invaded the backyard? And most worrisome of all: In each of the FleshCrawlers books, why does something bad always happen to the pets? Suddenly, Graves's interest in all of the animals -- especially Bunnacula -- looks far from innocent. It's up to Chester, Harold, and Howie to find out if M. T. Graves and Edgar Allan Crow are really devising a plot to make their beloved bunny. . . NEVERMORE.

Presents a collection of puzzles, jokes, games, trivia

questions, and other activities related to Bunnacula, the fictional vampire rabbit, and other vampires and rabbits. Kids who get called the worst names oftentimes find each other. That's how it was with us. Skeezie Tookis and Addie Carle and Joe Bunch and me. We call ourselves the Gang of Five, but there are only four of us. We do it to keep people on their toes. Make 'em wonder. Or maybe we do it because we figure that there's one more kid out there who's going to need a gang to be a part of. A misfit, like us. Skeezie, Addie, Joe, and Bobby -- they've been friends forever. They laugh together, have lunch together, and get together once a week at the Candy Kitchen to eat ice cream and talk about important issues. Life isn't always fair, but at least they have each other -- and all they really want to do is survive the seventh grade. That turns out to be more of a challenge than any of them had anticipated. Starting with Addie's refusal to say the Pledge of Allegiance and her insistence on creating a new political party to run for student council, the Gang of Five is in for the ride of their lives. Along the way they will learn about politics and popularity, love and loss, and what it means to be a misfit. After years of getting by, they are given the chance to stand up and be seen -- not as the one-word jokes their classmates have tried to reduce them to, but as the full, complicated human beings they are just beginning to discover they truly are.

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Joe Bunch breaks down his life—and his secrets—for a school assignment in this second book of the funny, heartfelt, and beloved Misfits series by Bunnacula author James Howe. What can I say? I'm a total original. Joe may only be twelve-going-on-thirteen, but he's known who he is from the time he was a little kid tottering around in his mother's high heels. Now in the seventh grade, he wears green high tops with pink trim, has a (secret) boyfriend, and tells it all from A to Z in the alphabiography assigned by his favorite teacher. The thing is, some of it is seriously private. It's one thing for Mr. Daly to read it, but what if it falls into the wrong hands? Will he be teased forever about those high heels...and even worse, what will happen if his secret boyfriend is no longer a secret?

Cafeteria food may be hazardous to your health. Poor Milo Groot -- he's sprawled on the cafeteria floor, his cracked glasses inches away from his white face. Could it be the apple chili dogs? Could it be poison? Kids at the middle school are dropping like flies, and Sebastian Barth suspects there's something fishier than tuna dreamboats behind the epidemic. The trouble is, too many cooks have had the chance to spoil the stew. Sebastian finds out. At least he thinks he does, but he soon discovers that whipping up a dramatic disclosure without all the ingredients is a recipe for disaster.

"Fully suits newly independent readers." — Kirkus

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Reviews Catina wants to be a famous writer. Houndsley is an excellent cook. Catina thinks Houndsley is a wonder. Houndsley thinks Catina is a very good friend. So what should Houndsley say about Catina's seventy-four-chapter memoir? And can Catina find the right words of comfort for Houndsley after the big cooking contest fiasco? James Howe's funny and endearing world of ginger tea, no-bean chili, and firefly watching is brought to life in cozy watercolors by Marie-Louise Gay in this tender chapter book about what it means to be friends.

The first three titles in the Bunnicula series, about a vampire rabbit and the dog and cat who share his home, are together in a boxed set.

Not a great place to visit, and you wouldn't want to live thereThe Monroes have gone on vacation, leaving Harold and Chester at Chateau Bow-Wow -- not exactly a four-star hotel. On the animals' very first night there, the silence is pierced by a peculiar wake-up call -- an unearthly howl that makes Chester observe that the place should be called Howliday Inn. But the mysterious cries in the night (Chester is convinced there are werewolves afoot) are just the beginning of the frightening goings-on. Soon animals start disappearing, and there are whispers of murder. Is checkout time at Chateau Bow-Wow going to come earlier than Harold and Chester anticipated?

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When Bunnacula, the vampire rabbit, escapes while at the county fair, the other family pets attempt to track him down.

Horace, Morris, and Dolores do everything together and know that they will be Friends Forever...until one day, when Horace and Morris become part of an exclusive boys' club and Dolores finds herself left out. Soon, she, too, finds her own club, where no boys are allowed and girls are supposed to have fun doing girl stuff. But after a while, Horace and Morris and Dolores realize they aren't happy at all doing what everyone in their clubs seems to enjoy. They miss each other. Is it too late to be friends again? Join these three charming mouse friends as they learn to do what they like, rather than what others say they should like.

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When a terrible witch vows to eat her for supper, a little girl escapes with the help of a mirror and comb given to her by the witch's cat and dog.

Each day the teeny tiny ghost goes to haunting school to try to become scarier. It's hard work, though -- especially since he's frightened by his own screams! Then, one bat-black October night, the teeny tiny ghost is floating in his teeny tiny home when he hears a RAP TAP TAP on the door. And then he knows it's up to him to keep himself and his teeny tiny cats safe. But what are the chances that a teeny tiny timid ghost will really be able to scare someone away?

"Move over, Dracula!"* Could the bunny really be a vampire? The Monroes found him in a movie theater while Dracula was playing. Now all their vegetables are turning white! Chester, the Monroes' cat, sets out to save the world from the vampire bunny. Harold the dog tries to stop Chester before it's too late! And the rest, as they say, is history. In the more than twenty-five years since the publication of Deborah and James Howe's *Bunnicula*, the book and its six sequels have sold close to nine million copies, won several kid-voted state awards, and become contemporary classics. Now the first three books are available in this handsome boxed set with stunning art by C. F. Payne. **"New York Times"*

Chester the cat is more than ever convinced that *Bunnicula* is a vampire when there is a harvest of white vegetables on the morning after the night that *Bunnicula* was probably wandering through the neighborhood.

When their family goes on vacation, Chester the cat and Harold the dog go to stay at Chateau Bow-Wow, where--with the other residents--they becomes involved in various mysteries and intrigues.

Determined to keep Mr. Monroe's special fudge safe, Harold the dog, Howie, and Chester stand guard over it, but after they all fall asleep on the job and find the tasty treat has gone

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missing, the three friends begin to think that the vampire bunny, Bunnacula, may be the one to blame.

Outspoken Addie Carle learns about love, loss, and staying true to herself as she navigates seventh grade, enjoys a visit from her grandmother, fights with her boyfriend, and endures gossip and meanness from her former best friend.

Going to the hospital for the first time will be easier for children if they know what to expect when they get there. This award-winning book introduces them to the various professionals who will take care of them during their visit. It describes what certain pieces of equipment do and how they are used. "A must for sharing between a hospital-bound child and his or her parents."--Booklist.

A clever young man and an eccentric professor search for a missing fortune, in this spooky adventure full of "marvelous surprises" (Publishers Weekly) H. Bagwell Glomus built an empire out of cereal. In the 1920s, his Oaty Crisps were the most popular breakfast in the United States, and Mr. Glomus was the wealthiest man in the little town of Gildersleeve, Massachusetts. But he was not a happy man. In 1936, he took his own life and his will was never found. Legend has it that his last will and testament is hidden somewhere in his office, but so far, no one has been able to find it and claim the \$10,000 reward. Yet, no one has looked as hard as Johnny Dixon. A precocious young boy who's happier reading old books than playing outside, Johnny has a best friend in the eccentric old Professor Childermass, who knows every detail of Mr. Glomus's story—except the location of the will. Together, along with a new pal from Boy Scout camp named Fergie, they intend to crack the puzzle—but

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before they can claim their prize, they must defeat an ancient evil force: a living mummy intent on destroying them. From the award-winning author of *The House with a Clock in Its Walls*, the Johnny Dixon stories are a refreshingly old-fashioned series of adventure and supernatural mystery. In the world of young adult suspense, few authors have the magic touch of John Bellairs.

Excited about holding onto his position as the best speller in the second grade, Pinky has an embarrassing accident but is cheered up by his best friend Rex. Bring your own Cheerios! On every page, there are pictures that need to be completed by adding Cheerios to just the right places. (No milk, please!) Teddies need Cheerios buttons, mice need Cheerios glasses, and fish need Cheerios bubbles. Pages are recessed to help children successfully place their own dry cereal pieces within the scenes. Tasty, interactive fun that toddlers will love!

When Toby Monroe has a birthday party, his pets' curiosity is aroused by seven strange suitcases which they investigate, with surprising consequences.

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