

Midnight Magic A Ghost Abby Mystery Book 1

A first-person account of living in a haunted house.

It takes a graveyard to raise a child. Nobody Owens, known as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be completely normal if he didn't live in a graveyard, being raised by ghosts, with a guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living nor the dead. There are adventures in the graveyard for a boy—an ancient Indigo Man, a gateway to the abandoned city of ghouls, the strange and terrible Sleer. But if Bod leaves the graveyard, he will be in danger from the man Jack—who has already killed Bod's family.

Karen thinks the ghost of Ben Brewer lives in her house but she's never really seen him until now. Karen and her stepsister have found out that Ben and his spooky friends are going to have a party in her attic.

Abigail's relationship with her boyfriend, Seth, is teetering on the edge of self-destruction. The recent lack of communication and cold shoulder has become unbearable. So, when Seth's ghost hunting job takes him on a trip to South Carolina, Abigail decides to join, and use the down time to hopefully rekindle their flame. When they arrive at the historical antebellum house—which is allegedly haunted—Abigail quickly learns there is more to it than meets the eye, and within the walls there is a dark story, and presence, threatening to pull her under, especially when a mysterious stranger shows up. If Abigail can't find a way to survive the eerie house, then she may have more to worry about than the possibility of a broken heart.

Moving house is always an adventure but Abby and Chris get more than they bargained for when their parents take them to their new home.

The garden, with its playhouse and old tree, promises them hours of fun but soon strange events turn fun into danger... Who are the two spooky old women from down the road and why are they so keen to befriend the children? Where have the cat and dog come from that nobody but Abby and Chris can see? Is their garden with its gnarled old tree an innocent space in which to spend long, summer days - or does it conceal something darker? When the children's mother disappears, the children are forced to confront an ancient evil. Can they defeat the Fairy King through a series of dangerous challenges - or will he destroy them before they can rescue their mother and escape?

Five complete sweet to sensual romances from five multi-talented authors in settings that are sure to warm the heart. There's a story for everyone from historical to contemporary. Let the magic of myths and legends sweep you away to where dreams of midnight kisses spark an unforgettable romance. Included in this Halloween Collection: Legacy by Gerald Costlow It's 1956 Appalachia, and Jeremiah Jack is a young man making a life for himself in the holler. Then one autumn morning Susie, his old sweetheart returns from college with her Professor to ask him for his help investigating the legend of how his grandfather, Crazy Jack, came to be born on the mountain. Thus begins an adventure that will take our group on a journey into a world of legend and myth, and cause Jeremiah to confront a dark legacy from his family's past. All while trying to convince Susie that the biggest mistake he ever made was letting her go and to give him another chance. The Haven by Barbara Miller Katrina Haven's bed and breakfast had been struggling even before her mother died, but Kat is determined not to sell the only home she has ever known even if the locals regard it as haunted. Then she has the brilliant idea of making it a pet friendly B&B. Now she has guests almost every weekend, including Will Boyer who stops by with his dog Boo on his way to visit his parents. But this trip, he brings along soap star Fallon Malone who tells Kat privately she is Will's fiancée. Unaware of this, Will regrets allowing Fallon to come on the trip with him. Somehow a suggested change to the storyline of the soap he writes turned into a PR trip with Will as Fallon's unwilling escort. He'd much rather be with Kat than the drama queen Fallon. He wonders how the New York soap star will handle staying in a haunted bed and breakfast. Maybe if the ghost can dislodge Fallon, he can finally make some progress with Kat. Pennytook by Sarah J. McNeal Myths are supposed to be false...but some are terrifying and true. Pennytook is a war weary Gypsy who longs for peace from the past and wants something meaningful in his life. Esmeralda, a Gypsy trick rider, has harbored a deep affection for the chieftain, Pennytook, for many years. But her dark secret will never allow him into her life. A mythological creature is about to unleash its horror and change the destinies of Esmeralda and Pennytook. Lovely Lottie's Treasure by Rebecca J. Vickery Dani Adair travels to Seattle at the request of her best friend Abby to help unravel notes from an old journal. The Legend of Lovely Lottie's Treasure has existed for years, but is there a real treasure in Old Seattle? With the help of Abby and the journal, Dani should be able to use her special talents to find out. Hunter works with Dani's half-brother who asks him to find her and keep her safe. Hunter discovers the favor a bit more than he bargained for when Dani proves to be independent, rebellious, and attractive. Keeping up with both Dani and Abby when they are in danger is enough to give any man nightmares. Why are they being followed and who is breaking in? Are they after the women, the journal, or the legendary hidden treasure? Will the growing attraction between Dani and Hunter hinder or help their efforts? Abraham's UN-DEAD by Karen Michelle Nutt Adryanna and Bram Graystone encounter the Cantwells, another vampyre couple, who question their motives when their actions spark a legend about angels and miracles. It all began when they saved Abraham, a young lad, who would later become the author of the UN-DEAD."

When evil rises, one witch must save the world. Cassie Black is a sorceress struggling with her growing powers and chaotic love life. As the guardian of a portal, she must stop a dark force spreading its influence in her small Pacific Northwest town. Cassie's friend Larry is shot twice in an alley. Clenched in his hand is a note, which reads, "BEWARE BLACK WITCH." The note could mean many things, and none of them are good. As Cassie unravels the mystery of his death, someone tries to murder her. Being a beautiful enchantress, Cassie attracts interesting men, who complicate her life. The very human detective, Gavin McGregor, suspects Cassie is the cause of all the unusual happenings in his own and watches her every move. Her former boyfriend, Alessandro, the vampire, wants her back in his life, alive or dead. Sanjay Kahn, a wickedly handsome, rogue warlock, vies for her attention and her heart. A murder to solve, a force of darkness to wrestle with, and a full dance card ... what more could a good witch want? A Double Shot of Magic is the second book in the critically acclaimed Perfect Brew trilogy. It can be read as a stand-alone or as part of the series. If you like magical cozies with strong characters, romance, and humor, you'll love this novel. It has a happy ending. Buy A Double Shot of Magic today and enjoy a fun, heart-warming story filled with intrigue and sweet romance.

~ triple trouble, boil, and bubble~ Can an enchantress stop evil from taking over the world? In the third book in the Perfect Brew trilogy, Cassie Black, a powerful witch with a serious caffeine addiction, faces Erebus, The Lord of Darkness. With the help of a sexy warlock, a vampire who doesn't understand the word "no," and a very-human detective, she searches for a way to banish the dark overlord forever. It's been months since the Erebus raised his head, but when an artist in town is murdered, Cassie knows the beast is back. Using all her resources, she searches for her friend's murderer knowing her efforts will lead to the source of all evil. Will the body count rise before Cassie catches the killer? Will she vanquish Erebus once and for all? Will her love-life settle down? There's a lot of drama stewing in Cassie's caldron. A Triple Shot of Trouble is the third and final book in the critically acclaimed Perfect Brew trilogy. It can be read as a stand-alone or as part of the series. If you like magical cozies with strong characters, romance, and humor, you'll love this novel. Buy A Triple Shot of Trouble, today, and enjoy a fun, heart-warming story filled with intrigue, sweet romance, and a touch of magic.

Death by Séance (A Ghost & Abby Mystery, Book 3) Love, Lies & Lust to Die For Single Mom Abby Jenkins hunts for a murderer in Sunset Cove, the small Pacific Northwest town famous for all things that go bump in the night. Abby is the

night janitor in the haunted teahouse and only private detective in town. She's also a reluctant witch with major man-trouble. Blackmailed into attending a séance, she expects to wrestle with a cranky ghost or two, but instead finds herself in the middle of a murder. Seven people attend the event; some human, some not so much. They have one thing in common: a murky past. After Abby washes blood off her hands, she's left with her first whodunit. With the help of her partners in crime: Eric, the Viking ghost with existential issues; Dante, the local Casanova-man-witch; and Sparky, her snarky familiar, she digs into the secrets of the cove. Will she survive to tell the tale?

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Dial Witch Trouble brews when a psychic enchantress shares her magic. When the sorceress Jane Black offers spells, potions, and tarot readings to the regular folk in her small town, she finds herself in a cauldron of hot water. Despite her good intentions, spells spiral out of control, potions backfire, and people turn against her. As Jane's problems multiply, a drool-worthy dragon enforcer, arrives on her doorstep and gives her an ultimatum. While the universe stacks impossible odds against her, a hot dragon breathes down her neck, and Vixen, her snarky familiar, harangues her every move, Jane refuses to give up. She's determined to make things better for everyone, or die trying. Is Jane's magic strong enough to heal the town's problems? Will her full-service sorcery store, survive? And what exactly will Leos the dragon set on fire? *Dial Witch* is the first book in the *Dial Witch* trilogy, set in the *Mystic Keep* world. It chronologically follows *The Perfect Brew* trilogy, but can easily be read as a standalone story.

Offers brief biographies, annotated listings of each author's works, and suggestions for additional reading

"Move over Cesar Millan, Sunny's in town, and this psychic makes house calls. Hilarious!" Dakota Cassidy, USA Today Bestselling author of the *Accidental* series. Sunny Haddock, an animal-loving vegetarian psychic, is stoked to leave California behind to start a new life in the Ozark town of Peculiar with her best friend Chavvah Trimmel. She ups the moving date when Chav goes missing and high tails it to the small town. When the gorgeous Babel Trimmel, Chav's younger brother, (along with the sheriff, the mayor, and some other nice folk) suggests Sunny haul her U-haul and butt back out of town, she's undeterred. Her psychic abilities might be out-of-whack, and blood makes her faint, but she's not a quitter. Besides, she's not about to go anywhere until she finds out what happened to Chavvah. But Sunny has more to deal with than unfriendly townsfolk...like disturbing killer visions and the dog-like animal no one else sees that seems to be stalking her every move. To make matters worse, she is finding Babel to be more irresistible than crack on a donut. Kidnapping, murder, romance, and a town full of people hiding the truth will keep Sunny Haddock busy as she tries to unravel the strange happenings in Peculiar, Missouri. Peculiar Mysteries series from USA Today bestselling author Renee George are laugh-out-loud, grip the edge of your seat, and swoon as you fall in love tales of mystery, humor, and romance that take place in the small Ozark shifter town of Peculiar, Missouri.

?*The Perfect Brew* When a witch inherits trouble ... When evil rises one clumsy witch must save the world. Cassie Black is a sorceress who can't even boil water. She inherits a sentient coffee-house, complete with an inter-dimensional portal and a side of ancient curse from her great-aunt Ophelia. When Cassie attends her funeral, she discovers her aunt's death is suspicious. Cassie hunts for the murderer. There are many unusual suspects, and some tempting hurdles. A tall, dark and annoying detective keeps getting in her way, and a seductive warlock offers his assistance. Will Cassie catch the villain before he kills again? Can she protect the portal and still free herself from the curse? Will Sid, her snarky cat familiar, convince her to play dirty with the boys? This is the first story in *The Perfect Brew* series, which can be read as a stand-alone. If you like stories with quirky characters, cozy-styled mystery and humor, you'll love this one. There's no sex or violence on the page, but be prepared for some serious romance, mystery, and magic. Buy *The Perfect Brew* today to start your own magical adventure in the small Pacific Northwest town of *Mystic Keep*.

Everyone has secrets. Escaping the clutches of a mobster, art forger Harley Davis dives off a yacht in the middle of the night and swims ashore to Sunset Cove, a small town in the Pacific Northwest, where the only light she sees comes from inside a haunted teahouse. Soaking wet and shaking, she pauses at the door. No one in their right mind would enter such a creepy place, but she has no choice. She needs to hide. Pirate ghost, Three-Sheets, enjoys his extended life on earth, gambling and flirting with the ladies, but when he meets Harley, he discovers he wants more out of death than a good gambling hand. As the charming Three Sheets woos Harley, her former boss puts a contract on her head. What do you get when you mix a saucy thief, a pirate ghost and an angry godfather? Another fun, *Gambling Ghost* story.

Acclaimed author Jennifer Gilmore's intimate and achingly beautiful novel deftly explores the role that chance and choice play in shaping the lives of two teenagers who are separated by sixteen years, but whose lives are intertwined. "This emotional, visceral novel haunted me in the best ways. Jennifer Gilmore has written something of real depth, which will leave readers thinking for a long time about the lives that other

people lead, as well as the ones they might have led. If Only is gripping and shiveringly beautiful; a true achievement.”—Meg Wolitzer, bestselling author of *The Interestings* and *Belzhar BEFORE: When Bridget imagined her life at sixteen, it didn't look like this. She didn't think that her boyfriend would dump her for another girl. And she certainly didn't think that she would be pregnant. With just a few months until she gives birth, Bridget must envision an entirely new future—one for her baby. But as she sifts through the many paths and the many people who want to parent her child, she can't help but feel that there is no right decision. AFTER: Ivy doesn't know much about her birth mother. She knows that she is now the same age Bridget was when she placed Ivy for adoption. She knows that Bridget was the one who named her. And she knows that fifteen years ago Bridget disappeared from Ivy's and her adoptive moms' lives. Ivy wants to discover more about herself, but as she goes to find Bridget, she can't help but feel that the risks might far outweigh the benefits of knowing where she comes from and why her birth mother chose to walk away.*

Perfect for fans of *Small Spaces* and *Nightbooks*, Ally Malinenko's debut is an empowering and triumphant ghost story—with spooky twists sure to give readers a few good goosebumps! Zee Puckett loves ghost stories. She just never expected to be living one. It all starts with a dark and stormy night. When the skies clear, everything is different. People are missing. There's a creepy new principal who seems to know everyone's darkest dreams. And Zee is seeing frightening things: large, scary dogs that talk and maybe even . . . a ghost. When she tells her classmates, only her best friend Elijah believes her. Worse, mean girl Nellie gives Zee a cruel nickname: Ghost Girl. But whatever the storm washed up isn't going away. Everyone's most selfish wishes start coming true in creepy ways. To fight for what's right, Zee will have to embrace what makes her different and what makes her Ghost Girl. And all three of them—Zee, Elijah, and Nellie—will have to work together if they want to give their ghost story a happy ending.

“Part Ghostbusters, part Sherlock Holmes, all fun and excitement.” —J. Scott Savage, author of the *Case File 13* series and *Mysteries of Cove* series Tiffany Hart dreams of one thing: to be class president. However, dreams turn to nightmares when she ends up almost dead in an abandoned building and develops the oh-so-awful gift of ghost-seeing. Unfortunately, Tiffany only knows one person who can help her shake her ghoulish problem, her neighbor and the weirdest boy at school, Justin Henderson. Justin has seen ghosts since he was nine, a creepy claim that has earned him the privilege of eating lunch by himself for years. Together they start to unravel a mystery with dead orphans, a white witch, and phantom spiders. To save their lives (and the afterlives of innocent children), they must face a terrifying specter as well as a ghastly woman who isn't afraid of hurting kids, dead or alive. Can Tiffany win the school election and solve her ghost problems?

“Ghostsitter is one of those rare books that succeeds at being both hilarious and freaky! Like a phantom spider, it snuck up on me and left me genuinely creeped out.” —Frank L. Cole, author of *The Afterlife Academy* “I've never read a ghost story I've loved more than *Ghostsitter* . . . [It] is the kind of book that will make kids want to read with a flashlight under the covers long after they should be sleeping.” —Peggy Eddleman, author of the *Sky Jumpers* series

Death by Tarot When the cards are stacked against you, run. Who would be crazy enough to send death cards to people in Sunset Cove, a small, Pacific Northwest town famous for things that goes bump in the night? Single mom, Abby Jenkins is hired to find the culprit, and while she is a witch and private detective, she hasn't a clue about who would deal such a gruesome hand. Unease settles into the town as tarot cards arrive on doorsteps. No one knows who stacked this deck. Everyone waits for the next card to drop. That is until the first recipient drops dead. Are all the death cards harbingers of murder? With the help of a Viking with existential issues, a Casanova man-witch and Spark her snarky familiar Abby unravels a deadly deck of secrets. Can she catch the murderer before the dealer turns another card?

?As the janitor in a haunted house, single mom Abby Jenkins has many contacts with the living and the dead in the small Pacific Northwest town of Sunset Cove, which puts her in a perfect position to solve local mysteries. Or so she thinks. Hired to find diamonds hidden in a haunted manor she gets help from a Viking ghost with existential issues. Will she survive? This book contains bad-boy ghosts, mischievous magic, and a woman who knows what she wants in a Viking hayloft.

As seen in the Sony Pictures 2016 film *Ghostbusters*, the ultimate guide to identifying, understanding, and engaging with any paranormal activity that plagues you Years before they made headlines with the *Ghostbusters*, Erin Gilbert and Abby L. Yates published the groundbreaking study of the paranormal, *Ghosts from Our Past*. Once lost to history, this criminally underappreciated book is now updated for the new century. According to Gilbert and Yates, “extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence,” and whether you're a believer or a skeptic, you'll find the information you're seeking right here in this extraordinary book, including: • The childhood experiences that inspired Erin and Abby's lifelong passion for the scientific study of the paranormal • The history of ghosts and other supernatural entities, the science that explains their existence, and profiles of the groundbreaking paranormal researchers who have investigated them • An illustrated guide to Class I through Class VII ghosts • Helpful sidebars like “A Ghost by Any Other Name” and “Ectoplasm Cleanup Tips” • Updates including “The Ghostbusters' Arsenal” by Jillian Holtzmann and “Haunted History” by Patty Tolan • A new Ghostbusting Resources appendix, featuring the “Paranormal Quickstart Guide”, “Is It a Ghost? A Handy Quiz”, “A Supernatural Stakeout Journal”, “The Devil's Dictionary: Paraterminology You Need to Know” With this helpful—and hilarious—official *Ghostbusters* guide in hand, you'll be prepared for almost any spirit, spook, or spectre that comes your way. As for the rest, you know who to call.

Alone in the wilderness, Cole found peace. But he's not alone anymore. Cole Matthews used to be a violent kid, but a year in exile on a remote Alaskan island has a way of changing your perspective. After being mauled by a Spirit Bear, Cole started to heal. He even invited his victim, Peter Driscall, to join him on the island and they became friends. But now their time in exile is over, and Cole and Peter are heading back to the one place they're not sure they can handle: high school. Gangs and violence haunt the hallways, and Peter's limp and speech impediment make him a natural target. In a school where hate and tension are getting close to the boiling point, the monster of rage hibernating inside Cole begins to stir. Ben Mikaelson's riveting saga of survival and self-awareness continues in the sequel to his gripping *Touching Spirit Bear*. This time, he weaves a tale of urban survival where every day is a struggle to stay sane. As the problems in his school grow worse, Cole realizes that it's not enough just to change himself. He has to change his world.

POSSESSION. Jenny wanted to attempt possession, and in my foolish eagerness I agreed. The office faded into a blinding haze of whiteness, and together Jenny and I tumbled into a world of mist and cold and pain and out the other side. Jenny Cavanaugh, the ghostly lady of 926 Augur Lane, has enlisted the services of her detective-agency tenants to solve a decade-old murder—her own. Abigail Rook and her eccentric employer, R. F. Jackaby, dive into the cold case, starting with a search for Jenny's fiancé, who went missing the night she died. But when a new, gruesome murder closely mirrors the events of ten years prior, Abigail and Jackaby realize that Jenny's case isn't so cold after all. Soon Abigail's race to unravel the mystery leads her down to the mythical underworld and deep into her colleagues' grim histories to battle the most deadly foe she has ever faced. A masterful collection of tales from the faded border between our day-to-day world and the horrifying unknown on the other side of midnight. An old woman living alone on the edge of a bog gets an unexpected -- and unsettling -- visitor, throwing her quiet life into a long-buried mystery. An isolated backwoods family stumbles into good fortune for a time with a monstrous discovery in the lake behind their house, but that time is running short. And a misfit little girl, struggling to make friends, meets an understanding soul one day at the beach: but why will he only play with her alone at night? All these lonely souls -- and more -- have reached out into

the darkness, not knowing what they might find. Around the dark edges of reality lurk unknown beings with unknowable intentions -- ordinary objects can become cursed possessions, entities who seem like friends can become monstrous, and those who seem monstrous can become the truest companions. In this collection of evocative, unnerving slice-of-life horror, five stories explore what happens when one is desperate enough to seek solace in the unnatural, and what might be waiting for us at the Crossroads at Midnight.

In the latest from the bestselling author of *One Potion in the Grave*, it's Halloween in Hitching Post, Alabama, and potion shop owner Carly Bell Hartwell has an especially spooky customer to handle... With all the ghosts that haunt her at this time of year, Carly doesn't exactly rush to celebrate Halloween. Even a costume ball organized by her boyfriend Dylan's mother, Patricia Davis Jackson, holds little allure. But to please Dylan, who wants peace between the two women, Carly reluctantly agrees to go. Gossip around town is that architect Haywood Dodd plans to make a big announcement at the party. But before he can address the crowd, he's found dead with Patricia standing over him, holding the murder weapon. Anxious to clear Patricia's name and perhaps broker a truce with her, Carly would love to use her snooping skills to find the real killer. Only she has bigger problems to deal with—ghosts are flocking to her for help, including a very persistent Haywood Dodd...

The greatest haunted house story ever written, the inspiration for a 10-part Netflix series directed by Mike Flanagan and starring Michiel Huisman, Carla Gugino, and Timothy Hutton First published in 1959, Shirley Jackson's *The Haunting of Hill House* has been hailed as a perfect work of unnerving terror. It is the story of four seekers who arrive at a notoriously unfriendly pile called Hill House: Dr. Montague, an occult scholar looking for solid evidence of a "haunting"; Theodora, his lighthearted assistant; Eleanor, a friendless, fragile young woman well acquainted with poltergeists; and Luke, the future heir of Hill House. At first, their stay seems destined to be merely a spooky encounter with inexplicable phenomena. But Hill House is gathering its powers—and soon it will choose one of them to make its own. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

Collects ten years of the "Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults" and "Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers" lists, organized by both author and theme.

"In this middle-grade graphic novel, a witch named Abby and her three friends—a wolf-girl, a ghost, and a pumpkinhead—band together to try and save their supernatural town from an invasion of rabid (but adorable) chaos bunnies"--

From a simple robbery gone horribly wrong to a grisly murder in a secret love dungeon, this stellar collection of crime fiction short stories showcases some of today's finest voices of color. Edited by Wall Street Journal bestselling author Abby L. Vandiver, this thrilling anthology will keep you on the edge of your seat. Welcome to Midnight Hour... Jennifer Chow: "Midnight Escapade" After years of silence, two women decide to meet up in a unique escape room but get trapped in a deadly game from which there may be no escape. Tracy Clark: "Lucky Thirteen" A gun. A last meal. And only one survivor. Sometimes the stars align--but only for the lucky one--as predator and prey come face-to-face one fateful New Year's Eve. H. C. Chan: "Murderers' Feast" Techpreneur John Manley left a trail of duped investors and damaged women in his wake. What happens when two hundred of his closest enemies gather for a five-day gourmet retreat? Christopher Chambers: "In the Matter of Mabel and Bobby Jefferson" It's almost midnight, it's snowing, and a bored call center worker catches a customer inquiry that smells of murder. Is he a knight rescuing the intended victim or someone else's pawn? Plus, stories by Richie Narvaez, Frankie Bailey, E. A. Aymar, Faye Snowden, Tina Kashian, and many more.

The only thing Abigail Donovan wants in life is to escape her grandmother and magic. Is that too much to ask? When Abby inherits a house from a great aunt she never knew, she takes the opportunity and runs with it. However, Abby's attempt to escape magic and all things witches doesn't take her far. Not only is the house plagued with magical residue, but Abby's not the only witch in town. Oh, and there's a ghost in her new house. His name is Thorn Alexander. As Abby's friendship with Thorn grows and evil comes knocking at her door, Abby is torn. If she wants to save Thorn, she'll have to use magic. If Abby uses magic, she'll tie herself to a new coven. Only one of them can be free in the end. Magic, curses, and a love beyond time all contained in one haunted house Abby never expected to inherit.

Mona McGregor, a witch who is head of a coven and owner of a magic shop, is pursued by two eligible men, one, a young doctor, and the other, a handsome werewolf, who claims he is trying to protect her from a demon.

When her grandfather, the owner of a haunted Savannah tavern built in the 1750s, is murdered, Abigail works with Agent Malachi Gordon, a member of the FBI's paranormal investigation unit, to solve the murder.

In a devilishly dark and funny debut, a teen finds himself the unwitting beneficiary of eight enslaved and angry ghosts seeking bloody vengeance. When Luke Manchett's estranged father dies unexpectedly, he leaves his son a dark inheritance: a collection of eight restless spirits, known as his Host, who want revenge for their long enslavement. Once they figure out that Luke has no clue how to manage them, they become increasingly belligerent, and eventually mutiny. Halloween (the night when ghosts reach the height of their power) is fast approaching, and Luke knows his Host is planning something far more trick than treat. Armed with only his father's indecipherable notes, a locked copy of *The Book of Eight*, and help from school outcast Elza Moss, Luke has just thirteen days to uncover the closely guarded secrets of black magic and send his unquiet spirits to their eternal rest—or join their ghostly ranks himself.

WINNER OF THE ANDRE NORTON NEBULA AWARD "Nalo Hopkinson is one of science fiction's most inventive and brilliant writers" -New York Post We'd had to be cut free of our mother's womb. She'd never have been able to push the two-headed sport that was me and Abby out the usual way. Abby and I were fused, you see. Conjoined twins. Abby's head, torso, and left arm protruded from my chest. But here's the real kicker; Abby had the magic, I didn't. Far as the Family was concerned, Abby was one of them, though cursed, as I was, with the tragic flaw of mortality. Now adults, Makeda and Abby still share their childhood home. The surgery to separate the two girls gave Abby a permanent limp,

but left Makeda with what feels like an even worse deformity: no mojo. The daughters of a celestial demigod and a human woman, Makeda and Abby were raised by their magical father, the god of growing things--a highly unusual childhood that made them extremely close. Ever since Abby's magical talent began to develop, though, in the form of an unearthly singing voice, the sisters have become increasingly distant. Today, Makeda has decided it's high time to move out and make her own life among the other nonmagical humans--after all, she's one of them. In Cheerful Rest, a run-down warehouse space, Makeda finds exactly what she's been looking for: an opportunity to live apart from Abby and begin building her own independent life. There's even a resident band, led by the charismatic (and attractive) building superintendent. But when her father goes missing, Makeda will have to discover her own talent--and reconcile with Abby--if she's to have a hope of saving him . . .

The sixth edition "Essentials of Children's Literature" offers a concise, straightforward presentation of children's literature that engages students and motivates them to share literature with children. Written with a comprehensive, "facts-only" approach, this lucid resource offers an abundance of examples to illustrate how to use children's literature in the classroom.

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