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Buried deep in a ravine in the picturesque Smoky Mountains is a very dark secret. David Hobbs, vacationing with his wife Miriam, inadvertently stumbles upon a small cloth 'keepsake' bag and a broken tooth. A human tooth. Miriam begs David to hand the bag and tooth over to park officials, but he ignores his wife's pleas and secretly keeps the 'harmless' items. The action opens a doorway that had been closed for nearly a hundred years and unleashes hell on earth, or at least hell in the lives of David and Miriam.

Following the brutal murder of his best friend in Denver, and an aborted attack on his oldest son, David desperately seeks to understand why a mysterious teenage girl has chosen to terrorize him and the males closest to him. To prevent further devastation to his family and end the wanton bloodshed, he returns to the enchanted hills of eastern Tennessee, where a terrible truth awaits discovery...one that forces him to face the consequences for the unpaid sins of his ancestors.

## **The Curse of Allie Mae Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Curse of Allie Mae for online ebook**

### **Nanette says**

Good ghost story. If one is afraid of ghosts, this could ignite your fear. Allie Mae is one ghost I would not want following me home. As I said earlier, when out hiking if one finds a bag of treasure out in the forest, leave it there! I haven't read a ghost/horror novel in a while, it was a nice change of pace. The ending leads one right into wanting (or not, if one does not want to run into any more ghosts) to go on to book 2 in the series. This novel was not a very scary read for me, there were others I have read that were much more frightening than this one.

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### **Leslie Whitaker says**

GREAT story!!! Oh my gosh!! Aiden has a way of writing that makes me feel like I am in the moment with the characters. Allie Mae is a scary scary girl! This is DEFINATELY a story that will send chillls up your spine. I LOVED it and can't wait to read another Aiden book!

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### **Dana says**

Cades Cove is the Scariest book I have read in a very very long time... a pure terrorizing Ghost Story! Aiden James Brings the characters Of David and Miriam Hobbs and their Children to life in such a way that you feel their terror! In the Beginning you hate the Ghost of Allie Mae and the pain she brings on the Hobbs Family and their friends.. but as the story unwinds and you learn about the Brutal death of Allie Mae and how it connects to David and his family... even David cries for her spirit... Aiden brings the characters lives together in a remarkable way. As I was reading this book I felt like I had to very carefully peek to the next page so Allie Mae wouldn't "Ping" me ..I give this story 5 pppiiiiinnngggsss Very scary...

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### **Cynthia says**

I love any books set in the southern Appalachians, and this one did not disappoint. In many ways it reminded me of the "Ballad Novels" by Sharyn McCrumb, with old legends or events overlapping with current times. In this case they did more than overlap, the old event became a current manifestation of the past. While vacationing in the Smokey Mountains of eastern Tennessee, David and Miriam Hobbs take one day to visit a little-seen ravine in Cade's Cove where a small keepsake bag is found. Instead of turning it in at the visitor center as a possible artifact, David is compelled to take it home with him to Denver. Unfortunately, as a result of this decision, they take home something much more malevolent. Without spoiling the story, after many different tries the spirit is finally put to rest.

Or is it? As part one of "The Cade's Cove" series we can be assured that there was more to the haunting, and the worst may still be to come. Personally I'm looking forward to reading the next installment and I hope many of the cast of characters will be back from book one.

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## **Beth says**

Interesting story, overshadowed by the WORST WRITING EVER. I can't seem to just give up on it, but it is excruciatingly painful. I have no idea how it's gotten such good reviews. The author apparently has no idea how grammar works. And he insists on narrating every move each character takes. If they step from the kitchen into the livingroom he has to tell you where they ended up standing. It's like reading stage directions. And if one more person smirks or snickers, I will spontaneously combust.

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Finally finished. It remained horrifically bad, with the exception of one section that I suspect someone re-wrote for him. The vast majority of the book was full of run-on sentences, fragments, and just basic terrible structure - sins obviously committed out of ignorance and not for creative effect. For example, "Surprised that the camera wasn't broken, his prized lens received a mere scratch on its black casing."

It was a fairly interesting story which could not stand up against the clunky, undeveloped and painfully amateurish writing.

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## **Karen says**

This was the first book by Aiden James that I have read and I want to say that this book was really amazing. I can't even think of one thing that I didn't like in this book. I loved the descriptions that he gave about the area. The details that he gave us about Allie Mae and her anger were outstanding. I had to make a trip to that area while reading this book and honestly felt the hair stand up on the back of my neck just for seeing a sign pointing towards Cades Cove. Any book that makes me get the heebie jeebies just from seeing a sign definitely gets a 5 star rating from me!

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## **Scott Thompson says**

Awesome read! Didn't want to put it down from the moment I started it. Being from Tennessee and very familiar with the Chattanooga and Cades Cove/Gatlinburg area made it especially interesting to me. Characters and story are so real! My first read by Aiden but won't be my last. Already have the follow up to this ready to go.

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## **Christine says**

HORRIBLE! The protagonist stumbles across a mystery 100 years old and blah, blah, blah...it's stupid. The dialog is totally unoriginal. The main characters seem to be talking to each other in sound bites from a bad movie trailer and I wanted to pull my hair out. It was all,  
"Love you, babe."  
"Love you too, babe. I'm afraid of the evil in our house."  
"I know, babe. I'll get to the bottom of this."

“Okay. I love you, babe.”

Puke. The characters themselves were incredibly flat and while the concept behind the plotline was good, that was about all I can say that's positive. Not only that, but the plot was incredibly repetitive. How repetitive? Twice I lost my spot when I stopped reading and when I came back to it, it took me awhile to realize I was in the wrong place. That repetitive. I kept reading because I really wanted things to get better. I think I may have paid attention somewhere near the end, but it's hard to say because I was bored most of the time.

In short, don't waste your time. This was a free book I downloaded for my Kindle, and I deleted it from my library so it wouldn't take up precious space. I know, Kindles can hold something like 3,000 books, but I didn't want to risk it.

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### **Valerie says**

I used to live in Knoxville, and Smokey Mountains National Park is a beauty. Cades Cove is gorgeous, and having visited there, I wanted to read this book. I think the characters are a little 2 dimensional myself, but no question that the story moves fast and it is scary a la Steven King! Entertaining! I would likely read another in the series.

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### **Liz says**

I was pleasantly surprised with this book. I generally find books that are supposed to be "Scary" to be ho-hum at best. But this story had me hanging on to the end. I was never sure where it was going or what the next twist would be.

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### **Donna Thompson says**

Although the premise isn't extremely original, Mr. James manages to infuse his story with enough twists, turns and chills to give it a fresh feel. He makes you care about his characters, so much so that I need to read the second book in the series. Not only to find out what happens, but because I enjoyed spending time with these people. Good job, Mr. James!

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### **Michelle Wright says**

This is an amazing book creepy yes..very and a real page turner.  
I love Aiden's style and he certainly captured me in this thriller of a story!

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### **Jayne Bowers says**

This book is one of a series and is entitled Cades Cove: The Curse of Allie Mae. The story line is that of a young girl, Allie Mae, whose angry spirit comes to terrorize the Hobbs family after the parents, David and Miriam, have a romantic interlude in a Cades Cove ravine. While there, they find a small bag stitched with "Allie Mae's Treasures," and despite David's intention of turning it in to the park authorities, he finds himself unable to do so. That's where the "fun" begins.

Allie Mae recognizes David's resemblance to her ruthless attacker, and thus begins to seek revenge on him, his family, and his best friend. Desperate for relief, David returns to the park to personally return Allie Mae's bag, and that's when he meets John, a ranger and Cherokee Indian, and John's granddaughter Evelyn. Knowledgeable about spirits, incantations, herbs, and rituals, John and Evelyn set about to free David from Allie Mae's spirit. Are they successful? You'll have to read the book and find out for yourself.

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### **Jayne says**

Didn't know what to expect with this book. It (and it's sequel) were free for Kindle. It was great. This may have been the scariest book I have ever read. I have read over twenty Stephen King books but this one is far scarier than any of King's that I have read. This is also a great read for anyone who is familiar with eastern TN.

It is very well written and the creepiness starts almost at the beginning. If you want a genuinely scary book, give it a shot.

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### **Margaret McCullough says**

Loved it!! It was fun reading about an area that I am familiar with. It totally makes me want to visit Cades Cove again soon. The characters are so well written they could be your next door neighbors. While reading, I found myself experiencing a plethora of emotions... sadness, affection, sorrow, fear, suspense, anger, contempt, happiness, and sheer joy for spending time with such a wonderful book. I also loved how Indian folklore was woven into the story. Hoping to read more of that in the next book, which I \*cannot\* wait to read. Although I might wait a bit since the 3rd book won't be coming out til 2013. Can ya write a little faster Aiden?? :-) I'm looking forward to reading more of this author's books.

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