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Tara and her brother Kyle are sent to stay with their estranged grandparents when their mother is hospitalised. May and Peter Folcroft seem warm and charming at first, and the house, hidden in the base of the mountains, is idyllic.

But strange things keep happening.

The swing moves on its own. Peter paces around the house late at night. Doors slam and curtains shift when no one is inside. Tara begins to suspect the old house is haunted.

When a storm cuts the phone line, May shifts from doting to obsessive. Tara and Kyle must try to keep up the pretext of a happy family, but an empty journal and locked room provide clues to the unforgivable lies, secrets and decades-old murders entwined with the Folcrofts' history.

And the ghosts are growing restless...

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Marie says

Great Read!

This was a really good book! I read it in a day and a half! Kept my attention and kept me glued to my kindle! The story is about two teens that go to live with their grandparents while their mother is recuperating in the hospital.

The grandparents are a doting elderly couple who want nothing more than the best for their grandchildren...or so it seems. Also the house they live in is supposedly haunted. The story just reaches in and pulls you into the house with the teens. Darcy Coates grabs the reader from the first page and she doesn't let the reader go until the last page.

Five star read for this book!

Patty Abarno says

This was a fun read with just enough creepiness to keep me interested. Definitely a timely novel! I am interested in reading more from this author.

Shaina says

An excellently chilling story that has everything to do with family. Keep the living close, but keep the dead closer? What about when they pass on? Some people just don't want to let go even in death (and that can have layered meanings)

I loved this and couldn't put it down for very long. I kept reading while eating dinner or breakfast, during commercials, late at night ... you get the idea. This is one of my favorite ones, too. Clever kids and spooky older ppl. Love it! ♥?♥?????????? 5 stars Darcy Coates does it again. ?

Lilyn G. | Sci-Fi & Scary says

Darcy Coates is quickly becoming the author I turn to when I'm wanting a pleasant distraction.

The Folcroft Ghosts has a strong The Visit feel to it for the longest time, but there's a twist in the end you wouldn't be expecting.

Perhaps a full review later.

Angel Gelique says

Fifteen-year-old Tara Kendall and her eleven-year-old brother, Kyle are taken to their maternal grandparents' house after their mother is involved in a car accident and slips into a coma. They have never met their grandparents and are reluctant to stay in their remote home, but Peter and May Folcroft are graciously accommodating and seem genuinely concerned for their grandchildren. They lavish them with gifts and more food than they can eat. They spend quality time with them and play family games together. But Kyle can't help but feel that something is off. Soon Tara also grows suspicious. Do the kind-hearted Folcrofts have an ulterior motive and sinister plans for them?

This book reminded me of those great R.L. Stine stories for kids. It is well-written and entertaining. The characters are realistic, relatable and likable. The story is well paced and easy to follow. It's a simple story, straightforward and quick to read.

As there is little violence and no gore or foul language, this book is definitely suitable for young adults. It was a tad too tame for my taste, though, and is the only reason I'm withholding that fifth star--just my preference. I was hoping for something scarier.

Shannara Petty says

Chillingly Good

After reading the preview of the book, I was hooked and for good reason. This was a seriously chilling and very compelling read! I really think this should be made into a movie. The characters were believable and the kids reminded me of my sibling and I. I recommend this to anyone who needs a spooky book to read!!

siobhan Quinlan says

5 Cups of Tea rea. Video review https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_J9z...

Yet another amazing book by Darcy Coates. The ghosts are just perfect.

After Kyle and Tara's mother gets into a car accident they go to live with their grandparents they have never met and things pick up from here. There are amazing twist and turns that will keep you needing to read on. I read this in one sitting

Mortisha Cassavetes says

I just love Darcy Coates books and this one is just awesome! The story is creepy good! It follows Tara and her brother Kyle as they come to live with their grandparents due to their mother's car accident and in the hospital. Tara finds that her grandparents that she had never met before are a bit odd and their house is secluded and isolating. No cell service and now because of a storm no telephone. Anyone who has ever read a Darcy Coates book knows that it is full of ghosts and so many twists and turns so this book follows true. I do not want to go into the story more as to not spoil it but I highly recommend it as well as all her other

books. I just love them!

Keri says

I love a good ghost story, so when I saw this come across my bookbub feed (BB knows my weaknesses) I jumped on it. While I usually avoid YA at all costs, I love a good ghost story more. This one was really good, more creepy than scary. Luckily, thanks to evil BB's ways, I have another DC all ready to go when I am wanting a new ghost story to read. First book of 2018!

Jan says

Darcy Coates never disappoints. In the void left by James Herbert I wanted a ghost story that is atmospheric and not gory, Darcy Coates provides all the elements I am looking for. I am accumulating her works and I have loved each individual reading experience. An unexpected accident leaves two youngsters in the care of their grandparents, people they have never met. There is something not right at Folcroft. Tara and Kyle soon become aware that their relatives are hiding something and there is a reason why their mother ran away. It wasn't a long novel either but the quality of the narrative didn't leave me disappointed.

Peter says

Tara and Kyle are sent to live with grandparents. Their mother was in a terrible car accident, and is hospitalized in a coma. The funny thing is, Tara and Kyle, have never met their grandparents before. In the beginning, they are lavished with gifts, and more food than they could eat. Their grandparents seemed nice at first but then strange things begin to happen. One of the first things their grandmother May does, is take away their cellphones. She claims there is no signal out this far in the woods. The house had no television or computer, which seemed a little odd. One night Tara is looking out her window, and sees this hunch man, walking around in the backyard. May tells them, it was their grandfather Peter. Tara does not believe her and wonders why she would lie to her. Strange things begin to happen, and Tara thinks that the house is haunted. Tara questioned May about the house being haunted, and she replies, that we do have a few ghosts in our house. While looking around in their mother old room, Tara finds a diary. The strange thing about it is, all the pages were torn out of it. What strange dark secrets appeared in this journal? Can Tara and Kyle, escape the curse of the Folcrofts? This was an enjoyable read. The author is a good writer and a very good storyteller.

Kimberly says

THE FOLCROFT GHOSTS, by Darcy Coates, was one of her novels in which I developed a strong attachment to the characters very early on in the tale. Two children, Kyle (11) and Tara (15), find themselves completely uprooted when they are taken to live with their mother's parents--whom they've NEVER met--after a sudden car accident puts their mother in a coma.

"...a fantasy world was easier to cope with than their new reality."

Grandma May and Grandpa Peter greeted them with so much affection, the two had to question *why* was it that their Mom never took them to visit. When they saw the large old home beautifully secluded in the woods, they couldn't help feeling drawn to it, especially compared to the series of cramped apartments they'd always inhabited.

" . . . Family has always been important to us Folcrafts."

Coates really has a way with characterization--especially when it comes to children. At just a quarter of the way through, I felt I had known Tara and Kyle for years. Tara was used to taking care of her brother, and much like the Folcrafts, had a strong love for her family. Kyle was the bookworm; outwardly timid, but with a mind that knew no boundaries.

" . . . what does it matter if I forget a story after a month as long as I enjoy it while I'm reading it?"

The dynamics of the personalities in this book were incredibly complex and spell-binding, I felt. This was especially impressive in regards to the children.

" . . . It's like he doesn't want to live in the real world anymore . . . "

With only a few chapters, Coates managed to convey more about the two kids' feelings, upbringing, and loyalties than some writers pull off within an entire novel. When things start to . . . *alter* . . . the reactions shown are plausible here, even in what would be an implausible situation, otherwise.

" . . . If this is true, it's really, really bad . . . "

The isolated, large home, is somehow made more "*normal*" by virtue of its position in the deep forest, outside of the passing of time that the rest of the village has kept up with. It's so easy to believe that in a remote location, *anything* could be considered commonplace when it's all you've known. Coates plays up the atmosphere *very* convincingly.

"Death is not a blessing . . . "

Overall, this was a novel that really took me by surprise with the overall direction it took--in a good way. I was so entranced by the emotional upheaval that the kids were going through, that certain other occurrences really hit forcefully, making me pause to take things in from different directions. As a voracious reader who is "seldom" very surprised by anything in a novel, this was quite a pleasant change. There were several twists that I had never even guessed at. I have to give Darcy Coates credit for taking on what could have been a common, run-of-the-mill story, and elevating it to something much more unique.

" . . . If fiction has taught me anything, nothing's a coincidence."

Recommended.

murphy 🖱️ (daydreamofalife) says

2.5 / 5

Good writing, nice characters, decent atmosphere. I just wish it was more... spooky. For a book with the word 'ghost' in the title, I think in the end I found the people more disturbing than the ghosts.

Probably deserves a better rating, to be honest, but I'm a bit bitter that this wasn't as horrifying as I wanted it to be. I'd recommend this to anybody looking for a quick read with minor spookiness.

Ally Guay says

I saw the cover to this book and thought, okay, this is clearly only about a haunted house. I have once again been wrong by assuming books based on their title and cover. This book had so much DEPTH. There were ghosts, yes, but there was so much more. There was suspense, mystery, and it was truly a thriller. This is one of those books where you read in one sitting because you MUST know what happens on the next page. Great characters, great plot, great everything. Deficiently going to read more from this author!

Kimberly says

Pretty good book, held my interest.. wasn't expecting the twist at the end. It did drag a bit in the middle found my self just skimming more than actually reading but it picked back up towards the end.
