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High on a hillside overlooking Salem University, hidden in shadows and shrouded in silence, sits Nightingale Hall. <u>Nightmare</u> Hall, the students call it. Because that's where the terror began.

Quinn Hadley is sure she must be the only sleepwalker at Salem. It's so embarrassing, especially since she never remembers where she was or what she was doing. But it's never been a problem.

Until now.

Because someone is roaming the campus, attacking people in the middle of the night.

No one knows who the crazed night stalker is.

But all the clues point to Quinn.

The Night Walker Details

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Susan says

Surprisingly well-done story, if a bit repetitious once in awhile. I felt the atmosphere of the story and how the characters involved related to the events. For an older book, this one was pretty interesting and didn't necessarily project any kind of message to the reader, and that is sometimes nice to read a story just for the sake of entertainment, not enlightment.

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Not bad.

Donna says

A different sort of cheese but something a little more robust, I think. Hoh's characters are a bit more fleshed out, have better personalities, aren't crappy people to each other. So already things are looking up.

What I will say against the Nightmare Hall books as a whole is that sometimes it can't decide if it wants to be in high school or college. Talk of being in home room (not a thing in college) and just the general feel of the setting a lot of the time felt more high school when directly related to the classes themselves. It really wasn't too sure of itself in that regard. And then it would talk about roommates and the campus and off-campus housing and it felt a little more college there but then SCHOOL would come back up and it would flip flop again. It made for a kind of jerky read from a setting standpoint.

As for the story Hoh does a good job of setting up suspense. All signs definitely point to Quinn doing these things while she's sleepwalking but the only thing we don't have is why and you're left to claw through everything to figure that out while more people get attacked. Once other clues start getting dropped that work against Quinn, the suspense around her sleepwalking starts to crack and before long that theory is disproved. Even then that opens a whole new can of worms because who could it be then and still, WHY?

I wouldn't say NIGHT WALKER was so much scary as it was suspenseful. People got hurt but no one actually died, there was never any kind of supernatural element to the plot, and all you had was, essentially, a murder mystery without the murder. Which is fine. I didn't mind that at all. But it's not horror. It was creepier when the potential was on Quinn possibly doing these things in her sleep and not knowing about it, or why she was doing it. Once that dissolved the suspense kind of went with it. It tapered off after that for me and once all the clues clicked into place to reveal who it really was it was just kind of meh. Standard fair, really.

THE NIGHT WALKER is still better than the later Fear Street books just because all of the characters are better and more realistic but I definitely wasn't scared reading it. Suspenseful, sure. But not scary.

Nattie says

One of the best in the series, but as usual, the main character does questionable things when a psycho is on the loose.

Vicki says

Enjoyed this book a good little tale of suspense. Good strong characters and an interesting plot

Stacy Simpson says

There was not alot to this book the charachter was boring....The killer was not given enough info and life hands down another disappointment.

Shalet Jimmy says

Quinn Hadley is a sleep walker. She has done it twice when she came to the Salem university. Nobody except her roomie knows about it. But things takes a bad turn when someone wreaks havoc in the university, sometimes by exploding a stinking bomb and by attacking the couples at other times. The attacking episodes seemed no end. Quinn Hadley was apprehensive by the sudden turn of events, but her apprehensions turns into nightmares when every evidences points that the culprit is nobody but her. Looking at the evidences piled up in front of her, Quinn also doubts that whether her sleep walking is the real cause of all those recurring unfortunate incidents in the university. But a fleeting thought that somebody is taking advantage of her 'sleep walking 'and making her a pawn did not leave her sleep without investigating into the root cause of everything.

It is an easy read and I enjoyed it as I used to enjoy Nancy Drew series. There was suspense and mystery element and at times you would feel that you are quite close to the vandal, but you miss him/ her. Though Diane Hoh do drop some clues here and there did not give away the culprit until the right time.

Long and short, a good and a smooth read....I enjoyed it.

Michelle says

A childhood favorite of mine.

Sam says

An enjoyable addition to the point horror collection, this is a good gory addition to the series and will certaintly having you double locking every door and window in your house before you go to bed

Shannon says

[this couple was in a car and someone hit their car repeatedly with a hammer (hide spoiler)]