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"Come to the house!"

The Hollenbeck house was a place of tragedy. Two children disappeared, an old woman committed suicide. Cassie's mother told her never to go near the abandoned hulk, but her new friend Nicole knew a secret way into the ruin.

"Come and play!"

Nicole led Cassie, Diane and Lisa to a hidden toyroom filled with every plaything a little girl could desire. The girls vowed to meet there in secret and tell no one of their adventures in the forbidden house.

"Come and die!"

Their adventures soon turned deadly. Lisa was killed. Diane nearly drowned. Cassie began to be frightened of Nicole, a strange child no adult had ever seen, a girl determined to be Cassie's only friend--a child snatched out of time and bent on revenge!

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Nicole says

This book is definitely a page turner the only thing I didn't like about it was the ending it all came to a close a little to quick but it was a very creepy concept!!

Kat Evans Hernandez says

this is a chiller!!! I think the fact that it's children makes it all the more suspenseful!!!

Helena says

I read this when I was 12, my mother had a tendency to pick these horror fiction books up at the grocery store. If you're into 80's horror-fiction, this is a nice find. It was so creepy in fact, that I never forgot it. It's right up there with the V.C. Andrews type of style absent the anthology. If you're a young girl who enjoys thriller or horror novels, this is great because it's written in the style and vernacular that a teen can understand. Very basic, but very spooky! One of my faves as a kid.

Kilgallen says

A pretty decent ghost story. It was written in the eighties and there are a few pop culture references that date the story line a bit. I also had a few questions about the dialogue that was being used. The main characters are 10 year old children but they often "sound" like adults in their speech patterns. Also a bit of an information dump/ hurried ending.

Sandra says

When her dog snatches her science project and runs away with it ten-year-old Cassie Larchmont follows her dog to an old Victorian mansion near the lake (Hollenbeck House). Her mother has told her to stay away from that house. (It is said that a crazy old woman, Myrtle, lives there and murdered her two children long ago and no one ever found their bodies.) When Cassie catches up with her dog an old lady (Myrtle) comes out of the mansion and mistakes Cassie for someone called Ellen and starts coming after her. Frightened, Cassie runs away and trips, falls, and hits her head. She then hears a childish voice telling her to not be afraid and that they will help her. She is then helped to her feet. When Cassie turns to thank her rescuer she sees no one there. Cassie then goes home.

That night Cassie wakes up from a dream, looks out of her bedroom window toward Hollenbeck House, and sees Myrtle, dead and hanging from a tree. Cassie wonders if she saw someone else in the dark, near the tree by Myrtle's body.

Some of Cassie's friends (Diane and Lisa) come to Lake Solaria (where Cassie lives) during the summer with their families. Cassie loves spending time with her friends. One day she meets a mysterious new girl named Nicole who is dressed in very old clothes who wants to be Cassie's friend. Cassie introduces Nicole to Diane and Lisa. One day the girls get together and go over to the old Hollenbeck mansion. Nicole says she knows how to get inside and she says there is something wonderful in the house. When they enter the house it is old, decayed, and dirty but Nicole leads them to a special, secret room filled with so many toys and dolls...a dream room. The girls love it and play with the toys, but since Myrtle just died here and their parents don't want them going to the house the girls make it their secret club/room and plan to go to the room in the house often.

As time goes by the girls start to wonder why Nicole shows up out of the blue and leaves suddenly. They never get to meet her family or see where she lives. And why does she wear the same strange old clothes all the time? Then bad accidents and deaths start happening around Lake Solaria/Hollenbeck House. A police detective is on the scene trying to find out who is responsible for all this. But the more he looks into the evidence and Hollenbeck House, the more he begins to think that this may be something more frightening and beyond their control.

This was a really great, spooky read. Nicole was a totally creepy little kid. I liked the cast of characters, some were good, some were bad. I couldn't wait to finish the book to find out what was going to happen. The setting on the lake and Hollenbeck House was eerie.

A captivating and compelling read from the 1980's.

Shannon Jensen says

Do not read this book at night. I have tried and it creeps me out!

Andrea says

All I can say is that the author does know how to build the story, and dang it... it has some spooky parts, it was hard for me to put the book down! haha.

Olivia "Don't Blame Me I Voted for Hillary" says

This was marvelously weird as good horror novels are. It's mainly about 10-year-old Cassie, her mother Carolyn, and the detective Robert. Carolyn has prohibited Cassie from going across the lake to this old mansion whose owner has hung herself. She says the house is evil and should be torn down. Cassie and her friends, however, meet a strange girl named Nicole and visit the house where there's a room full of toys. And that's only the beginning.

Stuart says

Read this quite some years ago now.

A decent ghost story although probably showing its age now. Easy read that would probably appeal more to people in their teens.

Jeanine says

Creepy child ghost, eerie story, quick read. Very good story.

Emily Newby says

Creepy. Scary. Tense.

Kiersta Barnes says

My best friend I had in elementary school reread this book so many times that my mother took it away from us. Back then we found the book terrifying, but upon rereading it I can't imagine why. I suppose many little girls would be frightened of friends turning on them and a room full of so many amazing toys being evil!

Rebecca McNutt says

This is one of the best of these old-school horror paperbacks that I've read in a long time, stepping out of the norm and providing more than just easy suspense.

Shannon Flynn says

One of my favorites. Genuinely scary and it taught me about orphan trains.

Red Lace Reviews says

(Review to come.)
