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Diana Pezzino says

OMG Ginny Baird did it again!!!

I just loved this book. Elizabeth and her daughter Claire move to a small town and next to a house that is a little creepy. When Nathan Thorpe comes to welcome them and let them know a little about the house and why its empty. Even though he explains Claire still thinks is creepy even with the cemetery near by. As time passes by Clair meets a boy Perry and he tells her more about Mrs. Fenton's house. She knows that everyone calls that house the haunted house but as time passes it doesn't see so creepy anymore.

As Perry and Claire get closer so does Elizabeth and Nathan. You will meet other characters in this book that make things seem weird in this town. Like some of the towns people just up and leave and no one hears from them. This is a must read because there is a twist that even I was not ready for.

Stacey says

Blayton, Virginia seems to be a place where the cemetery is bigger than the town. People seem to come and go quickly and unexplained things happen. Into this strange rural town comes Elizabeth and Claire Jennings who arrive from Richmond. Living next to a creepy, vacant Victorian house with a clear view of the cemetery only adds to the stress of settling into small town life, where everyone knows each other and noses into your business. Nathan, the local Sheriff, does his best to keep order and makes everyone feel welcome. He finds himself very interested in the new arrivals and a sweet romance ensues with Elizabeth. Claire has to deal with school bullies, pranksters, algebra, and the attentions of a cute boy who makes her heart flutter. But as Halloween approaches, things become strange and spooky as Nathan, Elizabeth, and Claire try to figure out the secrets of Blayton, Virginia!

Sherry Sharpnack says

In this typical, non-bodice-ripping, insipid romance, Elizabeth and her teen-age daughter, Claire, move to rural Blayton, VA, for Elizabeth's job of re-starting the village newspaper. The house they find to rent is beside a creepy Victorian and across the street from the village cemetery.

Nothing goes right, as communications in the village are down, supposedly due to a storm a few weeks ago. But Elizabeth does meet hunky sheriff, Nathan, when she & Claire are spooked by something in the "haunted" house next door. Claire meets a cute boy at school, & becomes the victim of the "mean girl" clique.

This is all blah, toned-down romance dreck w/ all the plot lines getting wrapped up into a neat little package at the end.

Until the twist. If you've ever seen the movie, "The Others," starring Nicole Kidman, you'll get it. Now I can see the clues, but at the time, I did. Not. See. The. Ending. Coming. For this plot twist and subsequent chills, I'll give "The Ghost Next Door" two stars.

Donna says

Good book, just felt it was better for teenage reader. Weird ending.

Beth says

I've read Ginny Baird before, so I was expecting a somewhat simplistically written, sweet story with not overly developed characters, most of whom would be impossibly good or irredeemably bad. And that's pretty much what I got here, but with quite a surprising twist. The book isn't really about a haunted house, as the title implies, and the mystery slowly builds until the end, and caught me by surprise. Overall, pretty good.

Carolyn Spear says

I loved this book. I love paranormal, watch paranormal and write paranormal. This- without giving it away because you so need to read this for yourself- is an amazing and engrossing book with a twist.

Judy says

I don't even know what to say about this book except simplistic, which if you are looking for a light read this book is OK. It had an interesting twist but even that felt a little flat for me.

Maetta says

Elizabeth and her daughter, Claire, rent a small house in Blayton VA next to an old vacant Victorian house complete with its own cemetery. It appears to be a spooky setting but the two settle in nicely especially since the handsome sheriff, Nathan, is a frequent visitor. Elizabeth and Nathan start a romance. Claire is 15 and finds a friend, Perry. Everyone in the small town knows each other. Occasionally there are disappearances though. This seemed like a regular romance until the surprise ending.

Heather Wardrup says

I absolutely LOVED the unique story line, and the characters were really good, too. The reasons I didn't give

it five stars was 1. for the writing. It was very immature to me, and if I hadn't wanted to know what was going on with this little town I would have put it down around a quarter of the way through. And 2. even though the twisted end cleared up some questions (not all), it created more without answering them, and I personally don't like being left saying, "But what about...?"

I would have enjoyed more development of the town's mystery as a whole and how it affected the characters instead of so much concentration on just the characters and their individual situations.

Regardless, it was a good, quick read if you want to cozy up in front of the fireplace on a chilly October's night.

Elaine says

I was looking for a haunted/ghost type book, and didn't realize I had it until the very end. It was a nice romance book, but it left me with questions. What exactly did they see in the mirror and how'd that make them "know"? Also questioning how do total strangers somehow belong together. How did Perry and his uncle suddenly "know"? Just too many questions. I wanted a haunted story that I KNOW is haunted and spooky. This wasn't it. I really wanted to like this book.

Sa says

Where.Is.THE.Ghost?!I'm at 54% and while the story is progressing nicely, it's too sweet for me.Why aren't there even hints of paranormal activity?So far there's a graveyard with no eerie action happenin'.Dnf @ 54%.Good story, but it's not holding my interest.

Katrina Epperson says

Ginny Baird brings us a delightful romance combined with a mystery. She has well developed characters who show great tenderness and compassion for others. She addresses many issues, one of which is bullying in school, not many authors would take this on with such realism. She has done a wonderful job with her imagery as well.

Elizabeth Jennings is a single mother who is employed by a large media corporation. After their purchase of several small newspapers, it is thrust upon Elizabeth to improve one located in a small town in Virginia. Her daughter Claire is 15 and will be starting high school. Elizabeth feels to accomplish all needed in this rural town, she must move her family. Claire is not wanting to move away from her friends to a new school, but after much discussion it is agreed that they would move. House rented via the internet and the SUV packed they travel to their new home.

Unfortunately upon arriving things are not as they anticipated. Their rental is a on a deserted street save one empty, old Victorian house with a cemetery located next to it. Elizabeth decides even though the view consist of a cemetery, it's still cozy. On the first night of their arrival, a couple scary incidents occur. Claire is already creeped out by the old house and cemetery so suddenly the creepy incidents next door don't seem quiet so small. Luckily Nathan Thorpe, who is the sheriff and has lived in Blayton for 3 years, shows up with credible explanations for the incidents.

Elizabeth and Nathan have an immediate attraction to one another. Nathan is a great guy and proves very

helpful when she opens the old newspaper office and introducing her to the locals. Nathan has a sister, Belle, and a niece, Melody, who live in town and he has a close relationship with. The more they get to know each other the attraction continues to grow and trust develops. Elizabeth is just relieved that she has someone she can depend on when things go bump in the night, but is she ready to trust someone with her heart.

As Claire begins school, it is not so easy to fit into a new school, especially when there are girls who are less than welcoming. Claire begins to hear some of the local folklore about the old Victorian that everyone refers to as the "Fenton House". Claire makes a new friend in Perry, who tries to help her navigate through being a new student at school. She is just doesn't understand why Melody and friends are creating so many problems for her.

As Halloween approaches and the plot thickens, rumors surface again about the Fenton House and how the owner died. Nathan's protective instincts kick in and his goal is to protect both Elizabeth and Claire. There are deep mysteries in this small town, but who will solve them. Does anyone else see what's going on?

Nathan knows he must solve the mystery and vows to hold on to Elizabeth at all cost.

Sheryl says

Spooky

I enjoyed the overall story and the ending had a good twist. Very likeable characters. My complaint is the skipping from one character's story to another without any type of notation letting you know the next paragraph is onto another subject. This was confusing throughout the book. I found myself rereading sections. Would have also liked to have known how some of the characters died, really didn't get a good history on all the disappearances. Over a good mystery and sweet romance. The book was clean, no foul language and no descriptive sex.

Rebecca says

The resolution was a bit too... out there for me. I'd liked the characters up to then.

Dawn Turner says

I had a hard time getting into this book. Didn't much care for Elizabeth, but I liked her daughter Claire. Nathan was a nice guy; I liked him. The story fell flat for me. I didn't find much depth through most of it, and the plot seemed very weak. I actually started reading it a while back then put it aside to finish later. Took me a couple of months to finally pick it up again and then I made myself finish it in one sitting so I'd be done. The ending was a disappointment. I won't give any spoilers, but I just found the ending far outside the realm of believable in any reality, and it wasn't a HEA for me. In fact, the ending left me depressed.
