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The infamous, Most Wanted Goosebumps characters are out on the loose and after you. For the first time ever, it's a Goosebumps Christmas!

Kate Welles doesn't want to be special. She just wants to play the lead in her school's Christmas play. Her annoying "friend" Courtney is constantly getting in the way of that. Can you even call someone a "friend" if all they do is make fun of you and ruin everything all of the time? But Kate has to get along with Courtney or else neither of them will be allowed to take part in The 12 Screams of Christmas.

Kate and Courtney's teacher decides they need to find a special place to rehearse. A certain house with a special history. The kind of place that Kate would normally be pretty frightened to go into. The kind of place that gives new meaning to the term: Christmas Spirit.

The 12 Screams of Christmas Details

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From Reader Review The 12 Screams of Christmas for online ebook

Maximus Perez says

The book Goosebumps: Most Wanted, The 12 screams of Christmas was fine. It was about a girl named Kate Welles who wants to star the lead role in the school play, and so does her friend. If they fight they both wont get in. They rehearse in a haunted house and there are ghosts but in the end it was all just her imagination. I recommend this book to anyone who wants to read a cheesy horror book.

Avad Barakat says

A Unique Goosebumps— I really liked the main character and how the story is related to its title.

Jonathan Askenazi says

Classic goosebumps feeling!

Nicholas G. Demmo says

12 screams if okayness

It was okay but not very scary, cause when I read these books I want them to be scary, but this one wasn't so if you don't like reading scary books but having a ghost involved,this is a book for you!!

Gisbelle says

[only prologue was told from Abe's POV (hide spoiler)]

Ionia says

It's Goosebumps! For Christmas? Okay, so that seemed kind of weird at first, being that Christmas is a time of cheer and good tidings, but I thought this worked pretty well. It seemed to me that this book was a might more grown up than previous goosebumps titles I've read. The characters had a bit more depth and the story was a little scarier than I recall the other books being.

Still, this had the original Goosebumps flair, with laugh out loud moments and goofy characters to fill in the tense spots. I think kids of all ages will enjoy this book just as they have done with the rest of the series before it.

The frights in this story were original, and I liked that the main character had other drama in her life besides seeing ghosts. I'm sure kids could relate to the issues she brings up.

I love these books, and this series will never cease to please, in my opinion.

This review is based on a complimentary copy from the publisher and provided through Netgalley. All opinions are my own.

Jaden V. says

Goosebumps: The 12 Screams of Christmas

The 12 Screams of Christmas is about a girl named Kate Welles who gets teased at school for “seeing ghosts” but only she knows the truth. While going on a field trip their teacher tells them the story of a family whose daughter fell in a well, later Kate tries to save that girl. It was a matter of life or death.

P.K.Eason says

[My favorite part was at the end when Kate realized Flora was living in her house (hide spoiler)]

Sarah Evans says

Creepy Christmas fun in classic Goosebumps style.

Stephanie ((Strazzybooks)) says

3/5 for a book, 4/5 for a Goosebumps. One of the better Goosebumps books I've read. The characters were still cliches, but they were more realistic cliches. The ghost story was pretty creepy and now I want to sing the 12 Screams of Christmas song every Christmas.

Christine (KizzieReads) says

My son loved it. He laughed and was scared at some parts. He would sing the music parts.

Weatherwane says

Another for which I should've written the review shortly after reading, since I no longer remember much from the story. It was decent. The section with ghost family was pretty fun. Unfortunately I think the longer format for these "Special Editions" doesn't well suit *Goosebumps*; even some of Stine's standard-length books feel padded or strangely-paced, so the extra pages here don't add much to narrative strength.

Not bad though.

Sera says

I loved this! It was such a nice visit to an authors world that I loved reading as a child. I will be re-reading this around Christmas!

Josiah says

Are the four special editions in the Goosebumps Most Wanted series interrelated? The haunted mansion on their covers looks like the same one, and in each book it's located across the street from a graveyard. I don't recall if every minor detail lines up for the books to take place in and around the same property, and the house's backstory is different in each case, but it's interesting to think about. I'm not convinced the similarities are mere coincidence. *The 12 Screams of Christmas* starts with a prologue set in 1882, not the era R.L. Stine typically writes about. Twins Abe and Ned Marcus, their eight-year-old sister Flora, and their parents have moved to a much bigger house. The place needs fixing up, but the twins eagerly envision what mischief they could get into here. Then the family's dreams are dashed by a cruel accident involving Flora and a deep well on the grounds, and their portion of this book abruptly ends.

In the present day we meet Kate Welles, a twelve-year-old with the gift of seeing ghosts. She keeps what she sees to herself after an incident last year that had every kid in her grade making fun of her. At least she has blue-eyed, copper-haired Jack Hopper, a loyal friend Kate likes as more than a chum. Kate's class is staging a Christmas horror play written by their music teacher, Mr. Piccolo, and she wants to impress Jack by earning the lead role. Courtney Smith is a major obstacle to that goal, however. It was Courtney who tagged Kate with the nickname "Ghost Girl" after she claimed to see apparitions and no one believed her. The two were friends, but now they're mainly rivals; Courtney would love to beat Kate out for the biggest part in the musical, and maybe snag Jack as her own boyfriend. Their bad blood simmers as Mr. P and the class prepare for overnight rehearsal at a local haunted house. Kate is also nervous that she might see ghosts there.

Her concern level rises when Mr. P tells the house's ghost story. A girl fell into the well out back more than a century ago and couldn't be saved, and some say her family haunts the house. Kate knows it's more than a legend when she sees twin boy ghosts hanging around, and feels drawn toward the crumbling well in the yard. The long-dead Marcuses still occupy this property, and they've waited a long time for a girl to stand in for Flora. Their lives marred by tragedy, they want to be whole again, but not even a girl who sees ghosts can grant that wish...can she? Can Kate restore Flora to Abe, Ned, and their parents? Kate's life may depend on her ability to give a grieving family one last Christmas with their lost sister and daughter.

The 12 Screams of Christmas is one of the better Most Wanted books. I like that there's a Goosebumps

Christmas novel, and that it has more emotion than most stories in the Goosebumps franchise. We feel the sorrow of the Marcuses, physically rotting ghosts trapped in their old house, doomed to go through the same sad motions in perpetuity. Who can blame them for mourning Flora? The possibility of their reunion carries emotional weight, which is rare for R.L. Stine's books. The narrative logic isn't all consistent, but it's decent, and the writing moves at a satisfying pace. Goosebumps fans shouldn't miss out on this ghost tale for the Christmas season.

L says

A great trip back to my childhood with one of my favorite series. Not surprisingly, Stine has created a brilliant ghost story that will be a perfect stocking stuffer this year. I enjoyed his addition of the prologue which gives the backstory for the ghosts. Kate's story is spooky fun but her struggles with peer pressure will be relatable to readers.
