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A Ghostly Paranormal Horror Novel

A crumbling farmhouse lies on the outskirts of the sleepy borough of White Haven, Pennsylvania. No one lives there anymore, but it's never been empty.

Ari Bowers is a nerdy high school junior with a crush on the Varsity wide receiver and a healthy fear of the paranormal. When her crush Marcus Wagner takes her on a date-gone-wrong to the local haunted farmhouse, her fear is tested. A dark entity latches onto them both in that house, and they pay for their mistake with blood.

Marcus won't admit something followed him home from the farmhouse even though shadows lurk in his periphery. It's a prank, all of it... until a local girl dies with similar wounds on her body. Now he's convinced he's gone insane. His life spirals out of control, and it all boils down to his stupid date with Ari. As he sinks into addiction and women to ease his pain, he's left with a choice: lose everything, or acknowledge the darkness slowly taking over his soul. He's running out of time, and if he doesn't face this creature, it's going to take him the same way it took Ari.

For Ari and Marcus, it's not about whether or not monsters lurk in the dark—they just don't know which one is after them.

Ari Details

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Linda says

I received this book for free in return for an honest review.

I was surprised at how good this story was. I have read this author's young adult and fantasy before, but no horror stories from her. This story caught my attention and kept me totally engrossed until the very end. The atmosphere was so well done. It was not at all cheesy. It had the perfect creepy feel that leaves you looking over your shoulder while you are reading late at night. The characters were all very well developed. I could really empathize with Ari. And there were lots of times that I just wanted to shake her parents. The first time was when her mother was so upset that Ari might have been exposed to "marijuana users." I would have been upset if my daughter had been exposed to "crack heads." But I have known simple, ignorant (of the world) people that acted just like they did. I never felt sorry for what the demon put Marcus through. Through the entire book, I felt he was receiving pretty much what he deserved. I was very happy when he finally admitted that he was responsible for what happened to Ari. I recommend this to anyone that enjoys a good horror story.

Naznin Azeez says

Can I please give this book 10 stars?. This is one of THE BEST books I've read in my entire life!. The story revolves around Ari & Marcus, two teenagers whose lives are changed forever when they decide to visit a haunted house just for fun.

If that sounds like cliché, you are wrong. There are amazing & totally unexpected twists in this story. The characters are well fleshed out & the world building is amazing. You can really connect with the characters, experience their fear & their hopelessness. It's a classic horror story and has plenty of ghosts but the main one is a demon, a really dark & powerful entity.

The book was unputdownable and even as I had to get back to my daily chores, my mind stuck with the book, desperate to get back to reading it.

The author is insanely imaginative and has researched much for this book. This story will have you looking over your shoulder or bypassing dark areas in your house. Lol. Now this, my dear friends, is what a horror story should be like. I loved every minute of it!. A complete package, the only sad thing was that it came to an end :(I just didn't want it to end. I can't wait to read the next book in this series!

Dianne says

Are you a fan of horror movies, ghosts and things that go bump in the night? Do you really believe in them or just like that heart thumping electric fear that jolts you? Ari, a teen who LOVED anything spooktacular found it not so entertaining when she went to the infamous haunted house with one of the school jocks, the self-important Marcus. Something terrifying happened in that old house and something followed Ari home.

Ari is haunted, she knows it, but her family thinks she is having a breakdown, that her ranting on about ghosts is a symptom of something more sinister. In a way, they were right, and that creature was stronger than Ari and it wants her soul to feed on.

What of Marcus? Is he being haunted, too? Will he succeed in holding it off? Truly a matter of life and death, Heaven and eternal damnation in a soulless afterlife. Are there souls trapped within the haunted house? Are they prisoners of a demon or do they choose not to move on into a better place?

You may be sleeping with the lights on and avoiding haunted tours after reading **Ari: To Each His Ghost** by S. M. Boyce. Very dark, very gritty and filled with an evil atmosphere, **Ari** is a terrifying journey for one girl into an afterlife of hell, finding little in that life to take comfort in. Imagine your future being forever changed because you ignored one DO NOT TRESPASS sign all for the daring of youth. And Marcus? Okay, he was more than just a bit of a bullying coward, but how did his life change? Or did it? Was he on the path that was destined for him or derailed by his own foolishness?

Fabulous darkness, frightening scenes and an atmosphere of total devastation and loss permeates the pages of this tale of terror. Then again, could S.M. Boyce has given us the REAL story of how haunted houses came to be? Beware of that movement you thought you saw out of the corner of your eye, especially if you have ever visited a haunted house on a dare...

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Michelle Willms says

Ari is unlike the vast majority of “tales of terror” I’ve read lately. This story is actually creepy. It reminds me of the frightening tales of demonic possession I’ve read. The two teens in this story, Ari and Marcus, are polar opposites. Ari is sweet and kind, while Marcus is conceited and uses people to get what he wants. Ari has a huge crush on Marcus; Marcus sees girls as opportunities to put more notches in his belt. He thinks it’ll be great fun to try to seduce Ari in the allegedly haunted farmhouse that she fears so much.

The characters were well-developed and the author had their personalities come to life almost immediately. Within moments of “meeting” Ari and Marcus, I despised Marcus and wanted to punch him in the face (or elsewhere), and I wanted to have a serious chat with Ari about her choice in men.

The story moved very rapidly from the first page and held that fast pace throughout. I found myself holding my breath at times, worried about what the evil entity might do next.

This was a nicely chilling, terribly horrifying ghost-story with unexpected developments throughout. S.M. Boyce doesn't hold back when delivering the frightening blows. This author is ready to fill the void left by those authors no longer delivering the big chills.

I was provided a copy of this book to review in exchange for an honest review. All opinions in this review are my own.

diana marcela Ballestas says

Me encantó esta historia, realmente al principio no me había convencido mucho, parecía muy cliché: chico conoce chica y la lleva a la casa embrujada para poder entrar en sus pantalones, es realmente lo que pasa a partir de allí lo que te atrapa, su visita a la granja no solo no logró el objetivo, sino que al volver a casa se encuentran siendo perseguidos por una criatura que no es de este mundo.

Ari es una chica amante de las historias de fantasmas, sin embargo, nada de lo que a visto jamás podría haberla preparado para enfrentar a la presencia sobrenatural que la acosa, por su parte Marcus es un escéptico los que hace mucho más difícil que crea que los ruidos que lo acosan en la noche están más allá de una volátil imaginación. Ambos a su manera tratan de lidiar con las consecuencias de su desafortunada visita a un lugar que jamás debió ser invadido y aunque sus destinos parecen sellados, lucharán hasta el final por evitarlo.

Coo plus, agregaré que leer este libro REALMENTE me logró poner la piel de gallina.

Nikki says

If you want to read a dark tale, this should be a good one to read. I thoroughly enjoyed this book, and it was certainly a little different from S.M. Boyce's Lichgates series. It wasn't your typical YA novel that has an underlying romantic plot, although the two main characters are seventeen. They had one date, and that's where the story really starts.

It was dark, a little twisted on the ghosts part, and suspenseful. There is a shocker about half way through the book that I didn't see coming. The story flowed well after the first chapter and it was easy to follow. Both main characters are written well and I didn't feel like I needed anything more about them for the book to work.

Although this was rather a quick read, it's well worth reading. There is no cliffhanger, and all plot lines were resolved by the end. I look forward to reading the next in this series.

Cathy says

I received a free copy of this book from the author. I had the opportunity to review or not.

When Ari Bowers and Marcus Wagner, a popular football player, were on a date, Marcus wanted to impress

Ari by taking her to the local haunted house, a real haunted house. Ari was terrified of the house and wanted to leave immediately. But Marcus refused to leave until her could make it with Ari. His goal of adding her to his list of conquests was his main concern. Not Ari or her panic. By the time she and Marcus get out of the house, Ari feels she is being watched. And she's right. Something evil has attached itself to her.

Ari's battle for freedom from this evil begins. First with feelings of not being alone, then seeing shadowy forms, being touched, scratched. The evil is taking over. The question is, can Ari save herself and live a normal life? Ms. Boyce's story takes you to the edge with twists and turns and surprises. Her characters run the gamut of feelings and you care about them. You care what happens to them and how they spend their lives. Take the journey with Ari and Marcus and learn what happens when you disturb the spirits.

Jackie Maloney says

Title: Ari (To Each His Ghost, #1)

Author: S. M. Boyce

Rating: 4/5 Stars

I received a copy of this novel in exchange for an honest review. This is a spoiler free review.

Summary:

Ari Bowers is a young, teenaged girl who has an obsession with watching ghost shows. When a popular boy from school, Marcus Wagner, asks her out on a date, she accepts, however she had not realized they would be going to the infamous haunted farmhouse. While there, darkness attaches itself to the pair and they must figure out how to rid themselves of this attachment before either of them get hurt. Will they be able to work together to save themselves or will the darkness win?

Review:

I have only read one other book in the horror/paranormal category so I am not exceptionally experienced with this genre. However, I enjoyed my relative introduction into paranormal novels. This novel was also great to read during the Halloween season. It put me in the mood to sip warm tea, curl up in my blanket, and read about ghosts and hauntings.

Ari is a lot like I am. I also enjoy ghost shows and I felt out of place often when I was in middle school and high school. She is a reasonable character who did everything in her power to save herself and Marcus, who was being a jerk. He refused to believe anything Ari told him, assuming that the experience in the farmhouse was a prank. It wasn't until something dramatic happened to himself that he realized that she was telling the truth and this did not occur until late in the story. I spent most of the book hating Marcus and everything he did. Marcus's character does receive a redemption arc however I really did not like him at the beginning of the story. I spent much of this book worried that Ari and Marcus were going to end up together and I am glad that this does not happen. But of course, Marcus also receives a backstory, which made me develop sympathy for him. I think Marcus is a character who is a lot more complicated than I was expecting at the beginning and I look forward to learning more about it in further novels in this series.

The suspense in this story is very good. It actually felt like I was watching a good thriller film and I was not expecting this from a book. I was also fully invested in the action scenes, which I usually skim in other novels. This book is full of things that I was not expecting, especially things that happen to the characters in

the middle of the book. I thought the book would be over then but it continued, which I appreciated, because it gave the character time for redemption. I especially like the redemption that Marcus gets. I spent more than half of the book despising Marcus for being ignorant and yet he developed the most throughout the story.

This book is perfect for anyone who loves thriller, ghost, and paranormal stories. I thoroughly enjoyed the journey that the characters took throughout the plot and I am excited for learning more in future stories from the series.

Gypsy Madden says

In all, this was a delightfully chilling story. Ari is a sympathetic character as we follow her trying to figure out the rules of a haunting and how to rid herself of it. There are times when things feel too convenient and too mapped out in steps, but the story still flows with wondering what will happen to Ari next. And there are times when you really wish Ari would stand up for herself, rather than waiting until the end to do something about her situation. Marcus is frustrating as he blocks her out, but then at halfway the book shifts (I wasn't too happy with the shift, but I did like the opportunity to explore Marcus more and see the haunted farmhouse from the other side) and it's his turn to deal with the demon, but how he copes and solves his problems and grows as a character are a wonderful contrast from Ari. I loved all of the characters Ari met along the way, from the other people in the asylum (you just know that other patient she befriended will play a part in future books), to the ghosts in the farmhouse. I loved the imagination that went into the different ghosts roaming around, and the creepy things the demon did (loved the scratches, and writing, and the scene with the paint). The blurb at the end did suggest there will be future books written in this series and I do hope that's true since I did enjoy every minute of this book. (And if you haven't checked it out, I recommend scooping up the prequel for this series, too. I thought it was wonderfully chilling and thrilling as well).

Carole P. Roman says

Not your run of the mill ghost story. SM Boyce weaves a scary tale of two teenagers who open a doorway to terror. Unpredictable and with the sensation of a speeding train the story takes an unexpected turn into demonic possession. Well developed and with realistic character, this is a chilling read that will keep you up all night.

Debbie says

OH my goodness!! If you love ghosts and things that go bump in the night this is the book for you. Ari and Marcus are on their first date and when a paranormal ghost show comes on he tells her how he doesn't believe in that sort of thing. She tells him that ghosts are very real. On their 2nd date he decides to take her to a haunted farmhouse. He thinks this will help him to go all the way with her, but when they get in the haunted house strange things begin to happen and he thinks she found out he was only going out with her for one thing so she has staged all the strange things to get back at him. The longer they are in the house more & more strange things happen he can't explain. Once they are out of the house and at their own homes they both notice 3 scratches on their back with blood but no tears in their shirts. Very strange things start

happening and something has followed them home.

You have to get this book to find out how things end.

I couldn't put this book down and can't wait to read the next one. I received this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Marla says

This is a great horror story. If you like to be scared by demons, possession and ghosts, this book is for you. It's a very fast read with a lot of fast pace scary situations. Ari and Marcus have a demon latch onto them when Marcus thinks it would be a good idea to take Ari into a haunted farmhouse to seduce her. He just wants another notch on his belt and he uses Ari's fascination with the spirit world to try to succeed in that notch. But things go downhill very fast.

I have always found ghosts and demons scary. I've also read it's very rare for a demon to latch onto someone because it takes a lot of energy for them to survive in our world. This is a great young adult book that could leave some having nightmares and not want to be in a dark house alone for a while after reading this. Really enjoyed this story. Characters were well rounded and I had sympathy for them.

Angela (Pooled Ink Reviews) says

***pooled ink* Reviews:**

3.5 Stars

It can be tough for books to be scary or particularly surprising but despite this I found Ari to be an undeniably creepy story. It made a chill sweep through me. Was I full on scared? No, but I definitely had some spine-tingling shivers and a refusal to read during nighttime while house-sitting all alone. I mean, I don't believe in ghosts, but I wouldn't mess with them either.

There's a nice mix of cliché and originality in the plot, which I appreciated. It wasn't trying too hard to be edgy and different, rather it settled itself in the well-trodden path of a ghost story and then had a bit of blood-chilling fun.

Ari delivers a chilling horror story filled with ghosts, demons, pentagrams, bloody hauntings, and more as it twists its tragic tale tighter and tighter along a line of hopelessness, inevitability, and betrayal. A perfect read for a foggy October night and those looking for a shiver to tingle their spine.

Read my FULL review here: <https://pooledink.com/2017/10/04/ari/>

Sherry Fundin says

“...You won't get help. Not from me, not from the white shirts, not from the docs. Demons don't simply play with their food. They take prisoners of war...”

Ari is a virgin, young, innocent and head over heels for Marcus. He's a dick, with a capital D. He only wants to get into her pants and place another notch on his belt.

For their date, they are heading to the Lodley farmhouse. Ari should have listened to her instincts and Marcus should have listened to Ari when she said it was a very bad idea.

Now, they are both being haunted, each in their own terrifying and deadly way and these ghosts do plenty more than go bump in the night.

The tension and anticipation I feel as I wait for whatever is coming on the next page and the next page, makes it hard to contain my excitement. I don't know what's coming but I am thinking it will get so much worse...

I am loving what S M Boyce has done with this ghostly story about haunting and redemption as it comes full circle.

Now, I have met Mel and Marcus and I can hardly wait to spend more time fighting demons and monsters with them.

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