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Ghost From the Past: The Mystery of Latham House

Information Sheet



Ghost From the Past: The Mystery of Latham House is an award-winning serial story written by Mary Maden and illustrated by Vicki Wallace. The serial story can be published in 12 chapters and is designed to run in weekly installments or more frequently.

Story Description:

This spine-tingling thriller is a story full of wonderful characters (including a ghost!), mystery, intrigue, and nail-biting suspense. Your readers will be hanging onto the edge of their seats through each of the 12 thrilling chapters! All chapters finish with a cliffhanger ending that will leave your readers wanting more.

Toby and his best friend, Ali, meet every day in front of the spooky, old mansion called Latham House to hang out and talk. The abandoned house is rumored to be haunted. Even though Toby doesn't believe in such things, the house has a strange effect on him.

One day, Ali's dog, Buddy, chases a cat into Latham House. Ali and Toby go inside the old mansion to retrieve the errant dog. Once inside, Toby and Ali embark on the mystery of a lifetime!

Led by clues from old newspaper clippings, pages from the diary of a long-dead teenage girl named Victoria, and prophetic dreams, Toby and Ali solve the hundred-year-old mystery of Latham House.

The happy ending finds the mystery solved, the "ghost" put to rest and everyone getting what they had wished for! Toby getting his secret desire — a home. Ali gets Latham House and a million dollars! And Victoria is finally at peace. But was Victoria's ghost real — or just a figment of Toby's imagination? Your readers get to decide!

Story Specifics:

- Suggested reading level: 3rd — 9th. Read aloud for all ages.
- Length of chapters: 1000 – 1100 words average.
- Includes one piece of logo art, 2 illustrations of characters, and one piece of art per chapter — 12 illustrations. Art comes in black and white or color in tiff or jpeg files.
- Teaching Aids included **FREE** with your serial story are: A Teacher's Guide, a Vocabulary List and a Lead-in to use in promotion and marketing.