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The Haunting Of Gillespie House



Synopsis

Some houses breathe...Elle is thrilled to spend a month minding the beautiful Gillespie property. More than an hour's drive from the nearest town and surrounded by forests, the aging mansion is ideal for someone seeking solitude. But things start to go very wrong, very quickly. Elle discovers a crumbling graveyard nestled in the woods. It contains a generation of the house's residents, all with an identical year of death. Scratching in the walls... slamming doors... whispers in the night... a locked room... As Elle explores deeper into the house, she begins to unravel the property's dark and dangerous history. At its centre is Jonathan Gillespie, a tyrannical cult leader and the house's original owner. And as Elle soon learns - just because he's dead, doesn't mean he's gone. Includes a bonus short story, Crawlspace, which inspired Gillespie House. "This novel has everything I love about good, old-fashioned horror [...] Coates is a master at her craft." -Twisted Book Junkie

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Customer Reviews

I've read a couple of Darcy Coates' short stories, and I immediately fell in love with her writing style and creepy ideas. So, when I saw that she was offering copies of her newest novel, The Haunting of

Gillespie House, to reviewers I jumped at the chance to read it. I'm infatuated with horror, and this novel has everything I love about good, old-fashioned horror: suspense, evil in both human and supernatural form, and a monster so evil that I cringed when I met it face to face. First, I'll start with the cover, since that's the first thing readers see. Love at first sight. Yoly Cortez from Cormar Covers did a fantastic job of creating suspense in the cover art. The gorgeous typography only adds to its appeal. I wanted to climb the steps into that old house and explore it myself--every nook and cranny--right along with Elle. Elle is an easy character to like. She reads as much as she can and is so curious about the old house she's looking after while the owners are away that she's hell bent on exploring it, even when things get strange, then downright terrifying. What's not to like! Darcy Coates' writing appeals to me. It's beautiful, really. I find it fascinating when straight horror is successfully combined with beautiful writing, and Coates is a master at her craft. The darkness felt alive and I feared it would writhe across the floor and straight into my soul. It's a miracle I didn't have nightmares after finishing this novel. The plot is fast-paced; there is always something interesting happening, and I didn't want to stop reading until I got to the last page. I only took breaks for the necessities, like work, though I read during every possible break I could squeeze out of my day job.

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