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# The Haunted Library #1



## Synopsis

A brand-new young chapter book series from Edgar Award winner Dori Hillestad Butler! *When* ghost boy Kaz's haunt is torn down and he is separated from his ghost family, he meets a real girl named Claire, who lives above the town library with her parents and her grandmother. Claire has a special ability to see ghosts when other humans cannot and she and Kaz quickly form a friendship. The two join forces to solve the mystery of the ghost that's haunting the library. Could it be one of Kaz's lost family members?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

Gr 2-4 • Nine-year-old Kaz is an awkward ghost, who is unprepared for life, or rather, death. His family of apparitions has taught him many of the basics. He can float and shrink, yet he hasn't mastered passing through walls or existing among humans, or as Kaz calls them, "solids." Without warning, his family's abandoned old "haunt" is demolished. Separated from his family by violent winds, he ends up in a small town public library. A ghost presumably haunts this library, and Kaz desperately hopes that the being is his missing brother, Finn. He finds a friend in Claire, a "solid" girl whose grandmother owns the library. Kaz and Claire work together to uncover

this mystery. This lighthearted tale is the first of a book series. Ideal for early readers, the text is amusing and accessible, and the cartoon-style artwork is winsome. The modern-day setting makes the tale relatable. However, those expecting a more captivating mystery will be unsatisfied with the story's simplistic resolution. While the pacing is fine, there isn't much character development and there are gaps in logic. Ghosts are deceased beings, but Kaz is completely ignorant of human behavior. Yet for young ones seeking a welcoming introduction to the supernatural, this is an acceptable, kid-friendly read. — Sada Mozer, Los Angeles Public Library

Dori Hillestad Butler's books have appeared on children's choice award lists in 18 different states. *Trading Places with Tank Talbott* won the Maryland Children's Choice Award in 2007. And *The Buddy Files: Case of the Lost Boy* won the 2011 Edgar Award for Best Juvenile Mystery. Dori has also been a ghostwriter for the *Sweet Valley Twins*, *Unicorn Club*, and *Boxcar Children* series, and a children's book reviewer for several publications. She's published numerous short stories, plays, and educational materials, and has served as the Iowa Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators' Regional Advisor. She grew up in southern Minnesota and now lives in Coralville, Iowa, with her husband, son, dog, and cat. She visits schools and leads writing workshops all over the country.

My 8 year old son is having a lot of fun with this book. It has a good balance of illustration and text. He has struggled to read and is considered average for his age. We have tried to get him interested in a series and have purchased many other books. Since reading *Haunted library #1* he has requested the next book in the series. He also likes the *Yeti files* and is waiting on pins and needles for the next in that series to be released. It is such a relief to finally get him excited about reading!

I chose this book for my 2nd grade class to read and they loved it! They actually loved it so much that I went ahead and bought the series! I am looking forward to reading the books and introducing them into the classroom.

My youngest isn't a big reader but loved this series and was the only place we could find it at the time.

Because of this. Ok my daughter likes reading now!

My son (8 years old) learned about these books from school and he absolutely loves them. We both enjoy reading them together every night. Cute series!

This is a very cute series. I would say that it is perfect for 6 to 7 year olds. My 7-year old enjoys the black and white pictures that are included sporadically through out.

I liked this book because it was interesting it was interesting it was interesting because were his brother go he went...find out for yourself. I would recommend this book to my friends because they like chapter books and mystery book would you like this book

Very cute story. My daughter is in 2nd grade and we are enjoying this book. We read a little each night and I just had to order the second book to this series.

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