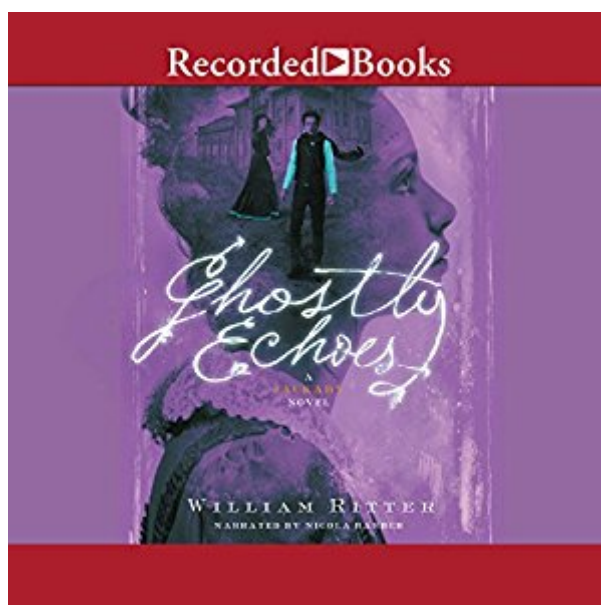


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Ghostly Echoes: A Jackaby Novel



Synopsis

Sherlockian detective of the supernatural R. F. Jackaby and his intrepid assistant, Abigail Rook, search for their ghostly landlady Jenny Cavanaugh's murderer and fight their most fearsome foe yet in the highly anticipated third volume of this New York Times best-selling paranormal mystery series. Jenny Cavanaugh, the ghostly landlord of 926 Augur Lane, has enlisted the services of her detective-agency tenants to solve a decade-old murder - her own. Abigail Rook and her eccentric employer, R. F. Jackaby, dive into the cold case, starting with a search for Jenny's fiancé, who went missing the night she died. But when a new gruesome murder closely mirrors the events of 10 years prior, Abigail and Jackaby realize that Jenny's case isn't so cold after all, and her killer may be far more dangerous than they suspected. Fantasy and folklore mix with mad science as Abigail's race to unravel the mystery leads her across the cold cobblestones of 19th-century New England, down to the mythical underworld, and deep into her colleagues' grim histories to battle the most deadly foe she has ever faced.

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Customer Reviews

“My brick. My house. My whole wide world.” She slid through the demolished wall.
“My turn.” Yes Jenny Cavanaugh was not playing with these hoes. And the pettiness inside of me is here for it. This time around Jackaby and the gang are on the case for one of their own. The lovable and affable Jenny Cavanaugh. The “ghostly lady” of 926 Augur Lane. A decade ago she was murdered in a grisly and horrific manner and now she’s ready

to confront her demons and find out who did the deed and why. For those who have been with Jackaby from the beginning, you can appreciate Author William Ritter's care and dedication to making memorable and endearing characters. Jackaby "The quirky Sherlock Holmes/ Paranormal detective. Abigail Rooks "The witty and strong-willed assistant Jenny Cavanaugh "The confidant and bringer of peace. Simply put "the dream team. With each installment in the series, the more you get attached to the characters. The more you wish the series will continue. The more you wish you can apply for a position and be a part of this amazing cast. Seriously, Jackaby, are you hiring? All joking aside I think Ghostly Echoes has to be my favorite. I just love the development and growth of Jenny. You get to see her backstory and history, while your heartbreaks at the senseless death that was set upon her. I won't spoil anything for you but Mrs. Cavanaugh is one tough ghost whose, bad side you don't want to cross. With plenty of bad guys and a riveting mysterious, Ghostly Echoes is a fast paced read with a satisfying end that leads me to believe this is not the end to this delightful series. A series that I feel is underappreciated in the YA community. A series that I want everyone to jump on board and read. Get swept away like I did and help me figure out what the R.F. stands for. Rick Frost is a no go lol.*I received a copy in exchange for an honest review. All thoughts and opinions are my own. Also I won a copy via Goodreads.

This review was originally posted on the Goldilox and the Three Weres blog. Each new book in this series just keeps getting better and better! Which is awesome! Especially since I have a hard time picking up the next books in my favorite YA series because I'm so worried the newest book is going to destroy my love for the series. It's happened so many times lately that I didn't pick up my ARC of Ghostly Echoes until last week. It's been out for a year. I'm really kicking myself about it now because this has been my favorite book of the series so far. It is the ugliest aspect of human nature that we fear what is most different from ourselves with such violent contempt. Ten years ago, Jenny was murdered and her fiancé went MIA. Now there are similar murders happening and Jackaby and Abigail have been officially hired to figure out who truly murdered Jenny and what happened to her fiancé. Guys. Can we talk about how much Abigail has grown into her skin since the first book? I've loved her from the first but she has become one of my top ten female characters over the course of the series. She has gone from the scared girl who tries to stay on the sideline to the strong woman that dives right into the action. There's a part in this book where Abigail volunteers to do something very dangerous and I had to put the book down for a second because I was so proud of this girl. She's not afraid to do what has to be done and she's so

comfortable with who she is now. I honestly love her so much! Plus, she's the perfect foil to our favorite eccentric paranormal detective. Jackaby is still the crazy goofball that makes you laugh minute and then turns deeply philosophical the next. His character doesn't go through as much character development as Abigail but that's okay. He is one of those characters who is unrepentantly himself at all times that he didn't need much more than a few more social graces to be perfect. He is a pretty fantastic character! Jackaby also has a unique and accurate way of looking at the world that I absolutely love! I have so many of his words highlighted in my kindle book that I could make a whole post on my favorite quotes. This novel takes a step back from Abigail, although written from her perspective, and delves deeper into the pasts of two of the series most influential characters: Jackaby and Jenny. You learn why each is the way they are and you get to see Abigail grow with that understanding herself. I could write a whole post on Jenny and why she's the best. She really comes into her own in this book and I'm so here for it! The plot of this story is a bit more complex than the first two books but is oddly connected to theme. Jenny's murder while being a past event is revealed to be unexpectedly connected to recent events in New Fiddleham and I can only applaud the author for how he is starting to tie everything together. I've loved the Jackaby stories since the beginning, but this one has just reaffirmed my membership in the William Ritter fan club. There is mythology and touches of Doctor Who, Sherlock, and even a bit of Supernatural and Grimm here and there. Everything just works so well together! The time period and the New England setting only add to it. I guarantee you will fall in love with at least one of the characters in this book. Also, I feel like we need to give Mr. Ritter a slow clap for the character of Lydia Lee. I immediately fell in love with her and I hope she makes an appearance in the next book. Speaking of The Dire King, I need it ASAP! We get a little hint about it at the end of this book and I'm dying to read it already! ARC provided by the publisher via Netgalley.

As much as I love this world and narrator, this book felt a little flat for me and didn't feel "complete." I almost wonder if the author thought they were only getting 3 books and started writing this installment only to find out they needed to save plot for a 4th book, too, and sort of chopped the idea for this one in half. Both of the prior books definitely felt more like a solid story with hints of the overarching series plotline as opposed to this one which felt almost like filler. Just a little disappointing. I still definitely plan to read the 4th book when it comes out, but currently I fear this is the weakest of the series.

****4.5 Stars**** I am loving this series. It is a perfect merger of Buffy, Sherlock, and Supernatural. I

especially liked this book in the series as it focused a lot on Jenny, who is one of my favorite characters. She is finally ready to figure out who murdered her and what happened to her fiancé ten years ago. But the case is not easy, and sends Abigail into the underworld “ which is awesome as it brings in some mythology into this already awesome series. While I love a lot of things about this book, and this series, one of the things that falls a little short is the setting. Because this is very Sherlockian in nature, I always feel like it is set in England rather than New England. There should be a little more done to distinguish that this is America not England, in my opinion. Overall, Ritter is able to perfectly blend together supernatural, mythical, and mystery. The characters continue to grow from book to book. The overarching plot has come to a head in this book, and is obviously going to be finished in the next and last book in the series. I wish there was going to be more adventures, mysteries, and cases after the fourth book, but I understand that good things do have to come to an end sometime.

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