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Eliza Caine is orphaned at 21 when her father succumbs to the flu after he insisted on attending a reading by Charles Dickens in cold, wet weather. She is bereft and, like most heroines of the time, without resources. She has lost her home, and so she leaves her teaching job to take a position as governess to two children in Norfolk. The advertisement is somewhat irregular, but she summons her courage and travels to what should be her new life. But secrets and mysteries abound. There are no parents present, and no servants to speak of. No one will share any information, and terrible things keep happening. Isabella seems old beyond her years, while Eustace is sweet and lovable. Through dogged pursuit, Eliza ferrets out the horrific truth and survives the malevolence of the presence that haunts the house. As the fearful situation grows worse, Eliza finds a strength that is unexpected for her time and place. Does she solve the puzzle, and do she and the children survive? A perfect, shivery gothic tale. --Danise Hoover

Review

"Great fun... Boyne keeps up a constant barrage of surprises and the pace is terrific." —*The Times* (UK)

"An adventure that will delight Dickens fans and intrigue anyone who dares to follow her on her journey." —*The Daily Express* (UK)

"A perfect, shivery gothic tale." —*Booklist*

"Like the writers of Victorian ghost tales to which he pays homage, Boyne is a master at creating an unsettling presence. *This House Is Haunted* gathers momentum right up to the stunning denouement, and ends with one word that serves as an icy finger down the spine." —*Minneapolis Star Tribune*

"Boyne's plotting and pacing are first-rate, and his mastery of the slow-boil is evident..." —*The Daily Beast*

"[*This House Is Haunted*] is a classic Dickensian ghost story, with an unexpected and horrific twist." —*Glamour*

"Boyne paints a picture that is both gloomy and thrilling, creepy and enticing...The result is a novel, just in time for Halloween, that is fast-paced, unputdownable, lively and intelligent, without being oppressively creepy." —*The Record*

"*This House Is Haunted* is a good old-fashioned ghost story—a real indulgence and a fine read all around." —*Book Reporter*

"John Boyne applies his dependably fluid writing style to this eerie Victorian ghost story, which offers an unsettling—in a good way—blend of the conventional and the unexpected...Boyne knows the precise moment to shake things up with a sudden, sharp surprise." —*Reading The Past*

"Literate horror fans will take wicked delight in [*This House Is Haunted*]..." —*Bookpage*

"Rife with Gothic elements, *This House is Haunted* will please fans of *Jane Eyre*, Ann Radcliffe and the like. A beautiful call back to the height of Gothic Literature." —*The Readist*

"*This House is Haunted* by John Boyne is everything a classic ghost story should be...pure Gothic fun."  
—*Fourth Street Review*

"Fans of Gothic novels will definitely enjoy *This House is Haunted*. Its appeal, however, stretches further than to just those who are looking for an entertaining Gothic homage...[A]n alluring work of fiction that encompasses what we most look for in a novel." —*Acid Free Pulp*

About the Author

**John Boyne** was born in Ireland in 1971 and is the author of seven novels for adults and two for children. *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* won two Irish Book Awards, was short-listed for the British Book Award, reached number one on the *New York Times* best sellers list, and was made into an award-winning Miramax feature film. His novels are published in more than forty languages. He lives in Dublin.

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