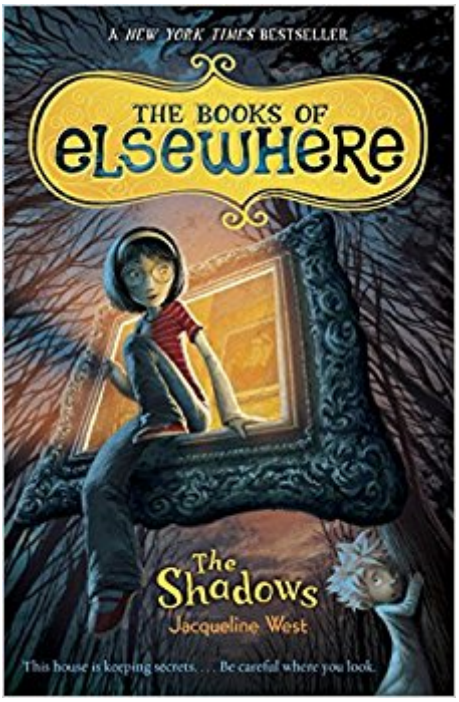
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The Shadows (The Books Of Elsewhere, Vol. 1)



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Synopsis

For fans of Pseudonymous Bosch, Coraline, and Septimus Heap comes the first book in the award-winning, New York Times bestselling Books of Elsewhere series.This house is keeping secrets . . .When eleven-year-old Olive and her parents move into the crumbling mansion on Linden Street and find it filled with mysterious paintings, Olive knows the place is creepyÃ¢â ¬â •but it isnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t until she encounters its three talking cats that she realizes thereÃ¢â ¬â„¢s something darkly magical afoot. Then Olive finds a pair of antique spectacles in a dusty drawer and discovers the most peculiar thing yet: She can travel inside the houseÃ¢â ¬â„¢s spooky paintings to a world thatÃ¢â ¬â„¢s strangely quiet . . . and eerily sinister. But in entering Elsewhere, Olive has been ensnared in a mystery darker and more dangerous than she could have imagined, confronting a power that wants to be rid of her by any means necessary. With only the cats and an unusual boy she meets in Elsewhere on her side, itÃ¢â ¬â„¢s up to Olive to save the house from the shadows, before the lights go out for good.

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summer. Soon after 11-year-old Olive Dunwoody moves into a rundown Victorian mansion with her nerdy mathematician parents, she realizes something isnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t quite right. It's full of oddities like strange paintings hanging on the walls and a trio of talking cats lurking in the shadows. While Olive's parents busy themselves solving math problems, she decides to work out the mysteries of the dusty old pictures by plunging headlong into the world on the other side of the frames. But, will she be able to escape the hidden dangers of Elsewhere? From the first few pages of The Shadows: The Books of Elsewhere, middle grade readers will be hooked on this spooky new series. --Lauren Nemroff --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Gr 4-6Ã¢â ¬â œJacqueline West's debut novel (Dial, 2010) follows a young girl's intriguing and thrilling adventures as she enters the fantasy world of Elsewhere. Olive, 11, spends much of her summer exploring her family's new home. The previous owner of this crumbling Victorian mansion died and left everything in the house to the new owners. Olive discovers a pair of spectacles that allow her to dive in and out of the mysterious paintings that fill the old home. Three talking cats seem to be helping and protecting Olive, but as she begins to put more puzzle pieces together, she realizes that she may be in some danger and the eccentric cats are not to be trusted. Narrator Lexy Fridell maintains a quick pace as the suspense builds. She gives all the characters distinct and interesting voices, especially those peculiar cats. Fans of Neal Gaiman's Coraline will find many appealing similarities with the story, and listeners who like a fast-paced adventure will enjoy this audio version.Ã¢â ¬â œApril Mazza, Wayland Public Library, MAÃ Â (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

My 9 year old daughter gives this book 5 stars and requested the rest of the books in the series. So I think she would recommend it to other kids her age. Word of the wise to other parents. The Books of Elsewhere has a similar title comic series that I ordered by accident. I did a search with the name, the other series popped up, ordered all of those books and was shocked to open and see the comics. The names are VERY SIMILAR, so check closely.

I really liked the book... very scary and interesting. I would definitely recommend it to others... it was really awesome how the paintings are a door to another world. READ THE BOOK AND THE WHOLE SERIES TO KNOW THE REST!

My kids are loving this book. It’s creepy, but not too over the top for the 8+ crowd. Looking forward to reading the entire series.

I found this series when I was searching for books for kids that like Goosebumps. I ordered this series for my daughter (8 y/o) and must say that she loves this series!

My daughter loves this book. Just purchased her the rest of the series. She’s so excited!

This book started off as a rather boring book. But as I read on, I started to get into a great mystery. I never suspected what was going to happen. This book is a must read for young kids, to adults. This is one of the best books I have read. I gave it a 4 star rating because this book was written in a way that I could, and others could understand it, but it wasn’t the all time 5 star book.

Excellent product, just as described, shipped on time.

I read this book when I was a child and had been looking for it ever since. I found it here and the book is everything I remembered it to be and more. Spectacular storyline. Thouroughly enjoyed it!

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