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The Crowfield Curse (Crowfield Abby #1) by Pat Walsh

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Author: Walsh, Pat

Title: *The Crowfield Curse* (Crowfield Abbey #1)

Year of Publication: 2010

Publisher: Chicken House

ISBN: 9780545229227

Number of pages: 336

Rating: Dependable

Reading/Interest Level: Intermediate; Young Adult

Keywords: Fantasy; Fiction; Orphans; Magic; Secrets

Review:

William is just settling into his life working at Crowfield Abbey when he finds a wounded hob. William takes the hob back to the abbey to secretly treat him. Because William can see the hob, he discovers he has the gift of Sight, the ability to see or sense fay creatures. With this gift, William senses a great evil following two visitors to the abbey: Master Jacobus Bone, an immortal cursed by the Dark King to be a leper, and Shadlok, a fay warrior and servant to Master Bone. These men have come to the abbey searching for a grave holding an angel slain by the Dark King. With William's help, they find the grave and help resurrect the angel. In return, the angel blesses Master Bone with death, but the Dark King swears vengeance against William and Shadlok.

The Crowfield Curse, the first book in the Crowfield Abbey series, is an original story with a unique blend of religious and magical elements. Although it is fantasy fiction, the story showcases real historical elements by showing what life in an abbey was really like, even going so far as to include the daily timetable the monks followed. Some of the terminology Walsh uses may be unfamiliar to many readers, perhaps because the book was first published in England before it was published in America. There is a glossary at the end of the book, but several of the unusual terms are not listed.

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