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# Book Review

**Title:** The Nightmare Club #2: Help! My Brother's a Zombie

**Author:** Annie Graves

**Illustrator:** Glenn McElhinney

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**Publication Year:** 2015

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**Number of Pages:** 48

**Interest Level:** Primary

**Rating:** Dependable



## Review

Every year Annie Graves hosts a Halloween sleepover with all her friends where they take turns telling scary stories. The second story is told by Jack, who thinks his older brother is a zombie. Jack and his brother used to be really close. But things began to change when Jack's brother started high school. His skin turned green, he began to smell, and he even tried to take a bite out of Jack's arm! Jack's parents said they sent his brother to boarding school, but Jack keeps hearing strange noises coming from the attic. When he wakes up with a fingernail on his pillow, Jack's parents finally tell him that they've been keeping his brother in the attic. Jack's brother may be a zombie, but he's still his brother and he has to look after him.

*Help! My Brother is a Zombie* is the second book in The Nightmare Club series. While slightly scarier than the first book, this book is still lighthearted and will get readers in the Halloween spirit. It follows the format of the first book: few words per page accompanied by small, black and white illustration. Readers who would be frightened by the fact Jack's brother is a zombie should be comforted by the books ending that states family is still family. This zombie also never eats people—only cats, dogs, and whatever other stray pets Jack and his dad may stumble upon.