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Book Review

Disney Kingdoms #5: The Haunted Mansion

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Primary, Intermediate

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23

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Marvel

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Danny Crowe has watched the haunted mansion on the hill for years. His grandpa promised they would explore it one day. But when Danny's grandfather is killed in a freak accident, will he be brave enough to enter the mansion on his own? Ghosts from the mansion visit Danny one day and tell him that they need his help. Danny is recruited to help save the ghosts at the mansion from a sinister ghost known only as Captain. Only a living person that enters and leaves the mansion willingly has the power to break the curse put on the mansion by the Captain. With the help of friendly ghosts, and other surprise supporters, Danny faces the Captain and saves the ghosts.

This book ties up the series revolving around the elegant Haunted Mansion beloved by Disney fans around the world. A summary at the beginning and introduction at the back of the book make the story understandable to readers not familiar with the first four comics in the series. The fifth installment may be read independently. Although it is the last book in the series, the story is simple enough that young readers will enjoy following Danny's journey. Additionally, older readers will enjoy deeper intricacies by reading all five comics in the series and seeing a deeper plot line. Adding to the overall feeling of the book, the illustration team at Marvel uses dark colors and action shots to make the haunted mansion story come to life. Whether a fan of ghost stories, a fan of Disney, or just a fan of mystery stories, a wide variety of readers will find enjoyment in this book.