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Book Review

City of Ghosts

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Reviewer

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Intermediate,
Young Adult

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Pages

285

Year

2018

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9781338111002

Publisher

Scholastic Press

Cassie befriended a ghost when he saved her from a drowning accident. Since then, Cassie can not only see her ghost friend, Jacob, but also interact with others in a ghost world called The Veil. On a trip with her parents to Scotland, Cassie meets Lara, who also has the same power. Soon Cassie, Lara, and Jacob accidentally get involved with The Raven in Red, a ghost who steals living souls. Together, the trio must defeat her, allowing Cassie to escape her second close encounter with death.

While the front cover looks demonic, the book is not as scary as it may seem, a positive for those who do not like horror or a disappointment for those who want a spookier adventure. However, The Raven in Red's story does involve children being taken from their homes, so some elements may be frightening for some readers. The fast-paced plot will engage readers from start to finish, leaving readers with many questions. How did Jacob become a ghost? Will Cassie ever send Jacob to the other side? Readers will need to look to the sequels to receive closure for these questions. This book is highly recommended for its suspenseful story line, relatable characters, and historical and geographical elements sprinkled throughout.