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Rory is your average high school senior. Or she was, until her mother banishes her to hell, also known as Trumbull, Connecticut. The small suburb with only a mall and movie theater, sure feels like the netherworld until Rory's first day at her new school. That's the day she meets Bowen, who begs her to join him on a class project. But when Bowen drags her to a graveyard after dark for research purposes, Rory wants to fly back home to Atlanta, or at least return to her aunt's house unharmed and unmolested.

Nothing could go wrong, right? They talk, they laugh, and they wander among the tombstones looking for information on the local ghostly legend known as the White Lady. Then they have to run, but they cannot outrun a ghost. In addition to the ghostly woman, a half buried dead body leads Rory and Bowen into a deadly game of cat and mouse, but who is the killer? Is it human or something long dead and otherworldly?

The police are of little help, Rory's aunt just wants her to remain safe, and Bowen, who she can't stay away from, keeps finding ways to get her into more trouble than she has ever known. Whether breaking into a suspected killer's house, being followed by a menacing ghost, or being stalked at school, Rory hopes finding the killer will put an end to the supernatural haunting. Before Rory can discover the identity of the killer, she is drawn into the mystery of the White Lady, which opens the door for some very real danger.

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Domoni says

Rory just moved to Trumbull, a tiny slice of hell. Her mom took a job in Japan and sent her to live with her aunt. Used to a full life in Atlanta, this town with one movie theater and a mall does little to make her excited about her senior year of high school. No friends, no volleyball, no job and no car; what is there to do but be miserable? The first day of school brings Bowen, an attractive boy who convinces their journalism teacher to pair them up for the big project. Rory and Bowen are going to write an article about the woman in white that haunts the local cemetery. Their first study date (or is it a real date?) has them sitting in the cemetery at night. When the woman in white appears, the teens flee. Unable to believe what they saw, Bowen convinces Rory to return on another night. When Rory stumbles over a dead body before seeing the ghostly apparition again, things start to get complicated and terrifying. Now the teens are trying to understand what they saw. Will they solve a murder mystery, a ghost story, or be victims themselves?

This was a great read for me. Well written and interesting, I liked that it wasn't a classic ghost story. Rory is a rather typical 17 year old girl and Bowen an average 18 year old guy. They dig each other and romance develops. The romance aspect was not the central focus of the story and I liked that. The story mostly followed Rory's story progression but occasionally we got the aspect of the mystery killer. I enjoyed the progression of the story and getting to know the inside thoughts of this character. The story took interesting turns that kept things fresh and made the book an easy one-sitting read.

The author does a great job creating the scenes playing out in the story. The characters are fleshed out well and it is fairly easy to grasp who they are and their motivations. I liked the development of the recurring characters that kept this young couple living a normal life amid the unrealistic story that unfolds around them. Many times a book will focus so much on the mystery that you wonder how a couple of teenagers are able to just galavant around focused on being the Scooby Gang and not facing consequences; this story gave a more natural progression to the happenings experienced by Rory and Bowen. I enjoyed this book and would gladly read more by this author.

I received an ARC copy of this book to review.

InD'tale Magazine says

Ghost stories are always fun, and when coupled with a murder mystery, it becomes even more gripping.

Read full review in the 2017 July/August issue of InD'tale Magazine.

Dominique Martin says

Wear White to Your Funeral is a fantastic read with a wonderfully narrated plot. The characters are distinct but still relatable. The book artfully combines mystery, folklore, adventure, and romance for a thrilling reading experience. Acerbo does a great job building suspense and drawing in readers from page 1. Although this book is geared towards young adult audiences, I think its a great choice for any reader.

Cheryl Whitty says

At the start we have an unhappy teen having to spend her final year at school staying with her aunt Nora, while her mother is working in Japan. Starting a new school for your final year warrants it's the end of the world, but moving across country means it is the end as we know it.

So meeting Bowen, and partnering him for a journalism assignment was a saving grace for Rory.

A good book to read at this time of the year, so I was looking for a good Ghost story, which we have to a certain degree. Then we have a murder with some romance.

I enjoyed reading the book, and the angst was perfect. I have to say I was so involved in the story I was cold every time the temperature was mentioned, and I ended up wearing a thick jumper all the time all the time I was reading this story. Overall I would say a good Young adult book. I would let the teens in my house read it. I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Megan Weiss says

Omg the writing was so bad I gave up...if you don't know the difference between to, two, and too you really shouldn't write a book.

Christy Wilson says

Wear White to Your Funeral is a YA/paranormal/romance novel. Yes, it has all these elements. The book is well written, and I think she captures the essence of a high school senior "good" girl who wants to feel some adventure, while at the same time, not wanting to get into trouble. The story starts out strong with a great spooky scene in a graveyard, which gave me the chills.

However, while the writing is good, the book seems to struggle with exactly what it wants to be. Is it a mystery? Is it a ghost story? Is it a romance between the two main characters?

I enjoyed the book; however, I would have preferred if it had stayed a little more in the paranormal, spooky realm and had not included the mystery of the body they found in the graveyard; especially considering the time of year that I read it.

Again, great writing and it was not a bad book. I just felt that at times it struggled with exactly what it wanted to be.

ARC received in exchange for honest rating.

Katherine Paschal says

Rory is forced to live in a another state with her aunt in the middle of her senior year of high school while her mom takes a job in Japan. She misses her friends, her sports, her car...pretty much everything having to do with her life. The one plus is the cute boy Bowen in her journalism class who wants to be partners on an

assignment. Rory is willing to go along with his plans because she doesn't want to risk losing a potential friend. Unfortunately, his plan leads them to a cemetery in the middle of the night to hunt for the White Lady, a local legend he wants to research. Rory is in over her head when not only do they encounter what could be the ghost, but they stumble over a person as well. Rory and Bowen have to figure out what they really saw before they become the next targets.

This was a really fast read for me. And yes, the book is a ghost/murder story (and a romance!), but it was also quirky, funny and sweet at times. There was a lot of growing up thrown in along the way, with Rory deciding what kind of person she wanted to be. I flew through the pages of the story in one sitting because I liked the characters and I wanted to know what would happen next. There was an engaging plot that helped to move the story forward at a good pace, but the character development of all the characters, not just Rory (who was the narrator) was well done and helped to give a well rounded story.

I think my biggest complaint with this book was that the killer was know by half way through the story, and really there were no other suspects that were even identified. Sure, the reader does not know the whys exactly of the murder, but it was laid out pretty well. I was expecting more mystery when it came to the murder, but the White Lady was te mystery here. Also, I wanted more when it came to the psychic. It was an interesting idea, but there was no follow up on him or what he did...to be honest, the way he was portrayed, I thought we would see him again.

Overall this was a cute teen book that I really enjoyed. I am pretty sure this is a standalone story, but the ending may have hinted at other ghostly visitors, so who knows. I can see this story appealing to someone looking for a teen romance, paranormal or suspense, because all three were in play here. This was my first book by this author but it won't be my last.

I received this title from the author in return for my honest review.
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Alice-Elizabeth (marriedtobooks) says

A spooky read which is perfect for Halloween! The story follows Rory, a High School senior leaving behind her hometown of Atlanta for a creepy town in Connecticut to stay with aunt Nora while her mum is in Japan. On her first day at a new school, she meets a guy Bowen who will go on to have a big impact on her time in Connecticut. As part of a journalism assignment, both of the most work together to investigate the mystery of the supposed "White Lady" ghost that roams around the local graveyard. When both of them stumble onto a dead body, they are both caught up in a murder scene where a killer is at large. Both of them take the decision to track down the person responsible but when scary things start happening, their lives could be in grave danger. This is a YA paranormal story that I absolutely loved reading from start to finish. The suspense built up well with detailed settings, the romance did come on quite quickly but wasn't predictable. I liked Bowen's intelligence and enjoyed seeing Rory on quite an adventurous journey. Couldn't fault the story at all, will be reading more books by this author.

If you love reading Nancy Drew, you will definitely love reading Wear White To Your Funeral!

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