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It's spring break, and identical twins Elizabeth and Jessica Wakefield are taking a scuba diving course at Pirates Cove. On their first dive the twins discover the remains of an old pirate ship, and half a golden heart buried in the sand.

Soon the twins receive spooky chain letters demanding that what was taken from the sea be returned. Jessica continues the chain; Elizabeth doesn't. Suddenly terrible things start happening to Elizabeth. She finds threatening notes in her room and a live scorpion in her lunch bag.

Can Elizabeth discover the secret of the golden heart before the curse destroys her?

The Curse of the Golden Heart Details

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Samantha Glasser says

I loved this story so much I checked it out from the library a few times. I loved when the twins went on tropical adventures and I especially loved mysteries.

Sheila Read says

I remember the cover just not the story.

Natsu says

nice story with a great mystery..

PurplyCookie says

It's Spring Break and the Wakefield Twins (with their friends) are at the beach, having a good time. Jessica and Elizabeth decide to go snorkeling at Pirate's Cove, an area in the corner of the beach hardly anyone ever goes to. Deep underwater, Elizabeth starts collecting knickknacks, including (unknown to her) a piece of a golden heart ornament (covered with rust and barnacles). As soon as they reach the surface, a strange looking man watches them from a distance.

A few days later, Jessica and Elizabeth decide to take scuba diving lessons, and Elizabeth is surprised to see the same man who was watching them as their instructor. He introduces himself as Joshua Farrell and keeps a close eye on Elizabeth.

Later, Elizabeth and Jessica receive chain letters about the "Curse of Carlotta", warning them to pass it to 6 other people to avoid the curse. Elizabeth doesn't take the chain letter seriously, and strange things start happening to her. A scorpion ends up in her sandwich. She starts dreaming about being in a shipwreck with Carlotta and her lover, Red Beard. Afterward, a man named John Filber shows up at her doorstep asking about the chain letters. Can Elizabeth solve the mystery of the curse before she is cursed?

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Author: Francine Pascal

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kylajaelyn says

So since this is a Spring Break book, I had assumed that the Wakefields were going somewhere away from Sweet Valley. I was confused to read that Pirates Cove is apparently very near their house. Of course it is never mentioned again in any book. Perhaps if they had gone somewhere further away this book would have been more interesting. But probably not. It's the same old Pirate tale for the ages. Red Beard (the pirate) meets the girl (Carlotta), aboard his ship, which, of course, gets caught in a storm and wrecks because the Bosun isn't paying attention. Red Beard and Carlotta are separated, along with the two halves of the golden heart they wear around their necks. Liz, treasure collector and mystery lover, finds the half of a golden heart on her first day of Scuba lessons. But it's so covered with detritus that she just thinks it's a rusty old nail. Their scuba instructor, Joshua Ferrell, is actually the captain of the ship that went down. He sees in Liz a chance to set things right. So he sends out chain letters to everyone posing as Carlotta in order to find the missing half of the golden heart. Liz is too stubborn (read: stuck-up) to respond to the chain letters, along with Lila. But when Lila refuses to respond and things go comically wrong, she reluctantly types up some letters that hilariously get sent to her father's entire company. Jessica thinks Liz is insane for not cooperating. But Liz, believing herself the patron saint of solving problems, is determined to get to the bottom of everything. When Steven almost throws away the golden heart half in her trash can, she realizes what must be done. They uncover that it's not a rusty nail after all. And on the back they find half of a treasure map. Steven and Jess comically plan everything they will buy. Liz recruits Jess and Steven on her mission to reunite the two halves and stop her dreams and hallucinations. They find the other half of the heart stuck in a rock in Pirates Cove. Steven chisels it out and Liz reunites the two pieces, which magically fuse together. Then John Filbin, descendant of the Bosun on duty, comes along and snatches it away. The heart ends up in the sea, and unfortunately this love story isn't nearly as interesting as Titanic (also: no Leo). The next day Steven and Jess realize only Liz had the hallucinations and dreams and that she took a calligraphy class the previous summer, so they begin to believe she scammed them in a major way (except she's not that clever). Liz doesn't care; she's just happy to take credit for solving another mystery that wasn't even half as scary as an Are You Afraid of the Dark? episode.

Bri says

This may be a Sweet Valley book but it can get helluh scary in some parts! I wouldn't read this at night if you have a low tolerance for that type of stuff. I really like this book. I wish I owned it.

Jenny says

20/25
4 original
4 good topic
5 fast read
4 plot
3 opinion

Atikah Wahid says

Yas, I remember this! This was also one of my favourites as a kid, mainly because it is an adventure novel and kinda spooky. It also has a pretty good mystery plot for a middle grade book!
