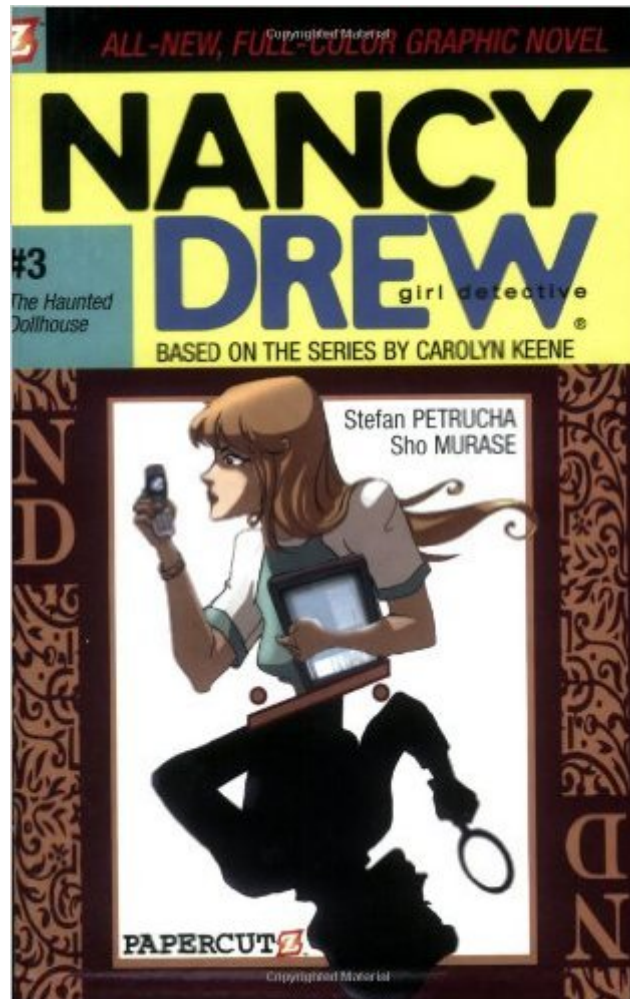


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The Haunted Dollhouse (Nancy Drew Graphic Novels: Girl Detective #3)



Synopsis

To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Nancy Drew, this graphic novel features many subtle tributes to classic Nancy Drew adventures. River Heights is celebrating 'Nostalgia Week' and everyone in town is dressing up and acting like it was 1930 - including Nancy, Bess, and George! Wait till you see Nancy in her roadster! But when scenes of crimes displayed in Emma Blavatsky's antique dollhouse start coming true, Nancy has a full-blown mystery on her hands! Nancy's shocked when she stakes out the dollhouse, and witnesses a doll version of herself murdered! Will that scene become reality too?! Plus a preview of the next Nancy Drew graphic novel, 'The Girl Who Wasn't There.' Ages 8 to 12. Papercutz is the exciting new graphic novel publisher that's building a huge following among the next generation of comics fans. Even the most reluctant readers are becoming addicted to the Papercutz approach of giving classic characters a modern makeover! Each Papercutz graphic novel features comics stories drawn in the style of the popular Japanese comics known as manga, and beautifully rendered with state of the art color. While educators rave about the high quality of the Papercutz writing and artwork, readers 8 and up are simply enjoying the great adventures found in each fun-filled volume. Be sure to check out other Papercutz titles such as The Hardy Boys, Zorro and Totally Spies

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Customer Reviews

I haven't read any actual Nancy Drew books (though I've played some of the video games with my sisters) and this book, *The Haunted Dollhouse*, is my first Nancy Drew Graphic Novel. I didn't like it for a few reasons. First off, the basic plotline is where there's this creepy person who claims this dollhouse is haunted and able to predict future happenings - particularly, crimes, it seems. This happens during Nostalgia Week, where everybody refuses to use any modern technology (at all!) and just uses 1930s stuff - the out-of-universe reason being that this book is celebrating Nancy Drew's anniversary by referencing the original books. I guess if you're an ND fan, this would be kind of fun. The entire Nostalgia Week thing came a bit close to testing my suspension of disbelief, though. My complaints? Firstly, the drawings aren't the greatest...I guess they're drawn sort of "whimsically", but a few times they just look bad...and the fact that it's full color and they use some 3D CGI graphics doesn't cover up the fact that the drawings are less than stunning. Secondly, the mystery seemed a bit complex and maybe a tad convoluted and the solution seemed a bit overly simplistic - the criminal's identity was no surprise and in the end, the entire thing turned out to simply not be very cleverly done. Overall, it simply isn't a well-written mystery...it seemed to be sustained by too much gimmicky spiritism. Thirdly, most people wouldn't have a problem with this, but I felt like they went overboard on the whole spiritism aspect, to the point where they showed a ceremony with a medium...of course, they didn't actually teach that it was real, and yes, in the end it was shown to not be true. Why does Nancy Drew have to go the Scooby Doo route, though?

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