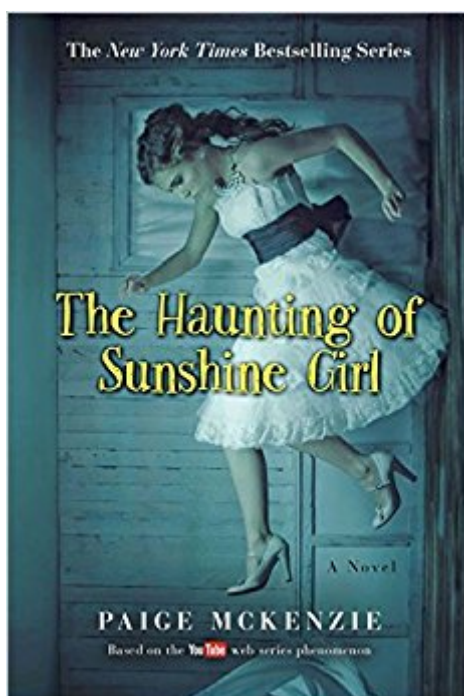


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# The Haunting Of Sunshine Girl: Book One (The Haunting Of Sunshine Girl Series)



## Synopsis

A New York Times bestseller Shortly after her sixteenth birthday, Sunshine Griffith and her mother Kat move from sunny Austin, Texas, to the rain-drenched town of Ridgemont, Washington. Though Sunshine is adopted, she and her mother have always been close, sharing a special bond filled with laughter and inside jokes. But from the moment they arrive, Sunshine feels her world darken with an eeriness she cannot place. And even if Kat doesn't recognize it, Sunshine knows that something about their new house is just ... creepy. In the days that follow, things only get stranger. Sunshine is followed around the house by an icy breeze, phantom wind slams her bedroom door shut, and eventually, the laughter Sunshine hears on her first night evolves into sobs. She can hardly believe it, but as the spirits haunting her house become more frightening—and it becomes clear that Kat is in danger—Sunshine must accept what she is, pass the test before her, and save her mother from a fate worse than death.

## Book Information

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Gr 9 Up "In this combination of ghost and coming-of-age story, readers follow Sunshine Griffith as she navigates the obstacles of a new school, boys, family, and, of course, her new and very haunted home. Sunshine and her mom move to Washington state from Texas for her mom's job.

Their once strong and open relationship is soon sorely tested, not by the move but by something more supernatural. Sunshine starts to hear a little girl laughing and skipping around upstairsâ€”a sound that only she can hear. She is soon fighting for her mother's life in this suspenseful tale. The chapters alternate between Sunshine's and the ghost's points of view, offering different perspectives on events. This sometimes frightening tale and series opener is based on a YouTube channel of the same name, so transmedia fans can enjoy both formats. Readers who appreciated Holly Black's *Doll Bones* (2013) or Cassandra Clare's "City of Bones" series (both S. & S.) should consider picking up this creepy debut. VERDICT A good choice for readers who enjoy Holly Blackâ€”Julie Zimmerman, *School Library Journal* --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

â€”Sunshine's adventure is filled with bumps in the night and shadowy figures, alluding to a larger mystery and larger world that has plenty to offer imaginative readers who grew up on *Goosebumps* and the like. Suspenseful, exciting and endlessly entertaining.â€”Kirkus Reviewâ€”Sunshine's story started as a YouTube series, and this creepy, suspenseful story condenses the plot of the original and offers a more polished voice than the videos. Existing fans won't be the only ones eager for more of this strong but vulnerable heroine just awakening to her potential.â€”Booklist (Grades 7&#150;10)â€”This sometimes frightening tale and series opener is based on a YouTube channel of the same name, so transmedia fans can enjoy both formats. Readers who appreciated Holly Black's *Doll Bones* (2013) or Cassandra Clare's *City of Bones* series ... should consider picking up this creepy debut.â€”Julie Zimmerman, *School Library Journal*"The plot moves along smoothly and rapidly, and the writing is graceful and wonderfully polished... It's hard not to finish *The Haunting of Sunshine Girl*."â€”Lev Grossman, *Time Magazine*â€”*The Haunting of Sunshine Girl* starts with mysterious ghostly laughter late one night. The laughter quickly turns to horror. It seems Sunshine Griffith has moved into a house haunted by many evil spirits. Trust me - these spirits will haunt YOU, too. I was on the edge of my seat from the very first page.â€”R.L. Stine, author of *Goosebumps* and *Fear Street*â€”Enthralling! Shivers of anticipation creep up and terrifying, ancient revelations come thick and fast. *Sunshine Girl* is a winner for fans of teen horror!â€”Anya Allyn, author of *The Dark Carousel* seriesâ€”When teen prodigy Paige McKenzie sets her mind to do something, she does it big time. 200,000 active YouTube subscribers on her site and over 100 million views, for instance. Not bad for a kid who still gets carded and can't vote. So when she decided to write a scary book, she nailed that one too. By the end of the first chapter I turned on all the lights in the house, even though it was noon. And it wasn't long before I'd

retreated into that last-resort safe room buried deep beneath my brain's Fear Center, praying the lock would hold. No such luck. Before I knew McKenzie was out there she'd hacked the door and let all manner of frightening things slither in to get me. ... Things that go bump in the night are afraid to read this book. Things that lurk beneath the bed cry for their mothers by page ten. McKenzie's skill telling the story of a young girl who inadvertently moves into a haunted house with her clueless mother is a thing that slips up behind and puts a cold white hand right down your spine and just won't let go. The book is called *The Haunting of Sunshine Girl*. Read it if you dare, but don't say I didn't warn you.â •#151; Wes Craven, Filmmaker --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

I have to be totally honest and say that like some readers of this book I had never heard of the web-series it is based on---and you know what: for me as someone who enjoys books more than movies that is probably a good thing. With that said, however, what Paige McKenzie has constructed with the character Sunshine is great on so many levels, and I'll share some of the highlights of the book from my perspective here. First thing that I love is the realness of Sunshine. She is not a perfect young girl who is having to deal with injustices heaped upon her. The way the book is written you are able to experience her feelings, her fears and the evolution of her strength. We are able to see what a move to a new place does to her as well as the way she responds to the darkness that seems to be trying to envelop her mother and her. Through the book we are also able to see that thanks to Nolan, Sunshine doesn't have to try to figure out things for herself. He is there to help, but are they really prepared for what is to come? I would have to say the great thing about this book is that it shows what someone who truly loves another is willing to do in order to save them---regardless of the danger to themselves. That, to me, is one of the greatest things about the way Sunshine Griffith is brought to life on the page. She truly loves the woman she calls mom, and that love takes her down a road that she can't soon escape. *THE HAUNTING OF SUNSHINE GIRL* is a fast-paced read that will make you want to see what else Paige McKenzie might have up her sleeves. Since reading the book I have not gone to the web-series (as I am sure others will as well), just to get an idea of what is next. Definitely a book that is great for readers of all ages to enjoy, this is one that is sure to be considered one of the highlights of 2015 for me.

It's been a while since a book grabs me the way this book did. Literally since chapter one, the book jumps right into the drama and suspense. Never have I read a book that has me at the edge of my seat since the first chapter, and it doesn't let me go till the end. So looking forward to part two, and three.

This book is a very hard read as it is written in the present tense and for those used to reading well written books of the past, your mind is constantly trying to correct to the correct form. Terms such as "I say "etc etc" verses "I said "etc etc" which is the proper way of writing, caused the reader to have serious headache and frankly ruins the book. Very sloppily written, and so hard to get past that it ruins the story, I am not even sure if it has one I spent so much time trying to get through the terrible writing style. The writer would be best advised to take some courses in proper writing style.

My daughter loves the You Tube series, and wanted to read the books. She was so impressed, she recently finished the second in the series, I had to read it too. I found the story line quite interesting. While not terrifying, or edge of your seat suspenseful, I found this book to be quite a gem. I would highly recommend it to anyone who enjoys a good paranormal story that isn't nightmarish. I enjoyed the curiosity of what was to come, but also the values of friendship and family. Likeable well developed characters, the resolution allows for ease into the second book of the series. I can understand why the series is so popular. ã Â Â^Âf

Was told this was an excellent book and that I would not be disappointed. It was an okay story but will not be purchasing the other books that go with it. Took me a good week to get through this book.

I read it before my daughter - I liked it as an adult -I would not let me 10 year old daughter read it - it just is not kid friendly in my opinion

This book was not at all what I thought I would be reading about. However, I was pleasantly surprised at the read and would definitely recommend it.

I have enjoyed the Haunting of Sunshine on YouTube for years. It amazed me how someone so young be so creative. When I heard she write a book based from her ghostly adventures, I had to check the girl's literary skills. Just as the channel, the book never was once dull or slow. The book read non-stop thrills and chills. The many twists kept you spooked and intrigued at the same time. She did well making a common teen supernatural storyline feel original and just as visual as if watching another of her web series. This teen ghost fiction stands well before the rest!! I can't wait to read the next book!! Yo go, Mackenzie Paige aka Sunshine!! Keep creeping us out!

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