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The Demon Of River Heights (Nancy Drew Graphic Novels: Girl Detective #1)



Synopsis

Everyone's favorite girl detective makes her graphic novel debut! An all-new series of full-color Nancy Drew graphic novels, with all-new comics stories based on the series by Carolyn Keene, starts right here! Join Nancy, along with Bess and George, as they search for missing student filmmakers and discover the deadly secret behind the local urban legend known as "The Demon of River Heights." 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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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 and up

Customer Reviews

Nancy Drew, The Demon of River Heights, is Volume 1 in the full color graphic novel series. Since it is a graphic novel the drawings are absolutely critical. In that department the book is outstanding. The drawings are a treat in and of themselves. Artist Sho Murase, with 3D CG elements by Rachel Ito, creates drawings that pull the reader into the panels in a compelling fashion. One example:

pages showing Drew inside a half darkened room, interrupted as she paws through private items, have sunlight passing through the half closed blinds and crossing the apartment-scape and characters in an eye-catching fashion. The effect is mysterious and rather uneasy. Not at all unusual for this graphic novel. The artists really know their craft and put together a mysterious feel that is worth the price of the publication. As this is the heart of a graphic novel, 4 stars. Sadly, the story itself is insubstantial and in no way lives up to the drawings; however, it is interesting to a point. The story line tends to be predictable and has a definite formula feel. Nancy and her two friends are engaged in an investigation into mysterious goings on with an upstart amateur movie company. They quickly encounter villains and danger without even trying. Ms Drew personally narrates the story and her friends somehow come to the rescue when the plot closes on Nancy's worst dilemma. So what else is new? Doesn't every mystery novel follow this path? Every 10 year old will recognize where this is headed even though the personal narrative keeps the reader in the dark as to what the friends are doing (only in the final instance however; up till then Nancy effectively tells us what the friends are up to even though she is not present when the events occur).

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