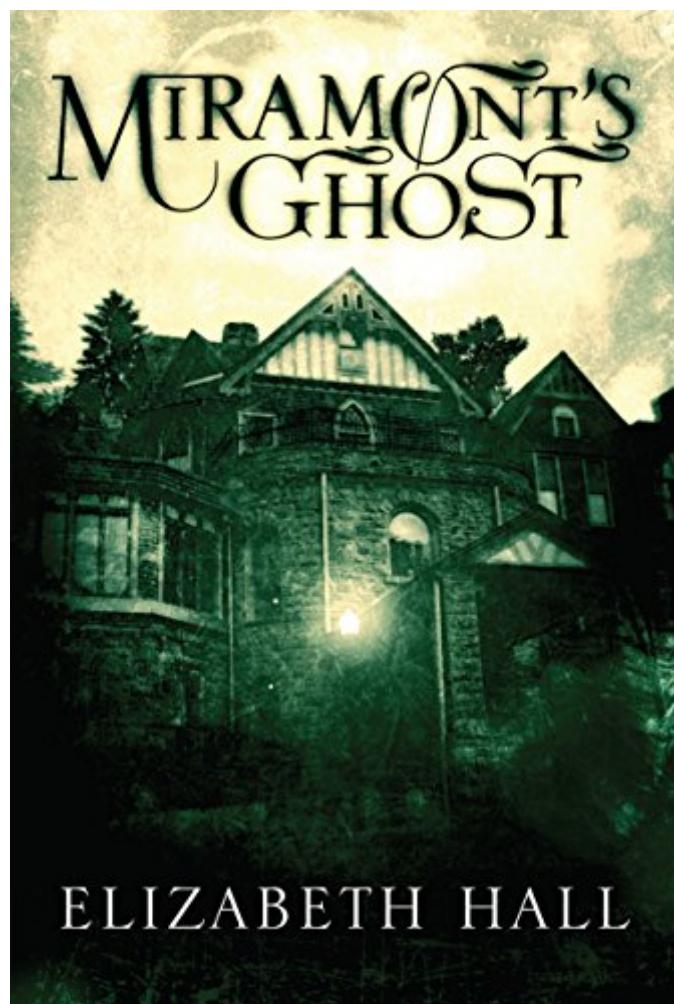


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Miramont's Ghost



Synopsis

Miramont Castle, built in 1897 and mysteriously abandoned three years later, is home to many secrets. Only one person knows the truth: Adrienne Beauvier, granddaughter of the Comte de Challembelles and cousin to the man who built the castle. Clairvoyant from the time she could talk, Adrienne's visions show her the secrets of those around her. When her visions begin to reveal dark mysteries of her own aristocratic French family, Adrienne is confronted by her formidable Aunt Marie, who is determined to keep the young woman silent at any cost. Marie wrenches Adrienne from her home in France and takes her to America, to Miramont Castle, where she keeps the girl isolated and imprisoned. Surrounded by eerie premonitions, Adrienne is locked in a life-or-death struggle to learn the truth and escape her torment. Reminiscent of Daphne du Maurier's *Rebecca*, this hauntingly atmospheric tale is inspired by historical research into the real-life Miramont Castle in Manitou Springs, Colorado.

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Customer Reviews

I chose this book as my Kindle First selection for the month of January. As I'm reading I'll jot down my thoughts so that you'll hopefully have better information as you make your selection. After 89

pages, I'm keenly intrigued. The book begins in France in the year 1884 when our heroine is a small girl. The book is lush with description without being overly ponderous and the characters are richly and fully depicted. I feel a deep visceral dislike for several of them and a real kinship with others. If you like to be pulled in and have strong feelings about characters in a novel, this is a book for you. The story has a definite arc and I'm intrigued by what's going to happen next. So far then, I love it. At page 109, we jump forward to our heroine at the age of 16 and things have started to turn rather dark and ominous. The people that I disliked fervently a few pages ago have now turned rather threatening and the dislike is has turned to positive annoyance. No spoilers though, just giving you a sense of the arc here. Page 178... this is the point at which the reader so thoroughly loathes several characters and so sincerely fears for others that it's almost unbearable. The resemblance to a tangled romance novel continues but with deep undertones of a suspenseful murder mystery. Agh! Page 210 to page 265... the novel has gone into emotional free-fall and becomes progressively darker. I won't leave any further updates because it would be too hard to not "spoiler" something but suffice to say that even the most evil previous inklings of what is to come next fall short of reality. In summary, this is a wonderfully rendered bit of historical fiction that really whips up some emotional frenzy in the reader.

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