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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—Howe's latest is a tautly paced work that blends historical fiction, romance, and the supernatural. While spending the summer at New York University studying film, Wes becomes fascinated with an oddly dressed but hauntingly lovely girl. Annie, he eventually learns, is a ghost (though that word is never used), flickering between her time (1825) and his. The two attempt to figure out why Annie is here, as they begin to develop feelings for each other. Complicating matters is Maddie, a defiantly bohemian hipster whom Wes finds equally entrancing—and who's also a part of the puzzle. Though Howe employs a well-worn trope—the concept of a spirit who can't rest until a terrible wrong is rectified—she does so deftly, ratcheting up the tension as she switches between the protagonists' first-person perspectives and weaving in themes of class and privilege. While Wes and Annie are separated by nearly two centuries, Howe nails their voices—that of an insecure film student yearning to make his mark and of the upper-class young woman attempting to break free from a gilded cage—imbuing them with relatable turmoil and angst. The language is immediate and gripping, with a hint of sensuality; the surreal, eerie chapters told from Annie's understandably confused perspective contrast wonderfully with Wes's more straightforward sections, and Howe's exploration of New York City, both past and present, is spot on. **VERDICT** A thought-provoking, intelligent work of suspense that will resonate with fans of Adele Griffin's *Tighter* (Knopf, 2011) and Nova Ren Suma's *The Walls Around Us* (Algonquin, 2015).—Mahnaz Dar, School Library Journal

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Praise for *The Appearance of Annie van Sinderen*:

“A tautly paced page-turner that blends historical fiction, romance, and the supernatural.”—*School Library Journal*, starred review

“Hauntingly etched, creating an eeriness that lingers after the novel's romantic ending.”—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

“Katherine Howe knows how to get under your skin.”—*Paste Magazine*

“A can't-put-down story.”—*The Associated Press*

“Historical, supernatural and modern New York all collide in this well-researched and highly intriguing novel.”—*AM New York*

“This strange and gorgeous novel is rich with humor, ghosts, art, and true love, but I think I loved it best for its characters: a group of loyal friends who ricochet together through the streets of a hummily alive New York City, searching for a lost ring, a devastating secret, and, most of all, for the people they want to become.”—**Marisa de los Santos**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Precious One*, *Belong to Me*, and *Saving Lucas Biggs*

“Lush, twisty and spellbinding, Katherine Howe's *The Appearance of Annie van Sinderen* will keep you up all night and not let you go in the morning. Utterly beguiling from beginning to end.”—**Megan Abbott**, award-winning author of *Dare Me* and *The Fever*

About the Author

Katherine Howe is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane* and *The House of Velvet and Glass*. She is a lecturer in American Studies at Cornell University. Her books have been published around the world in 23 languages to date. Visit her at www.katherinehowe.com and follow her on twitter @**KatherineBHowe**.

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