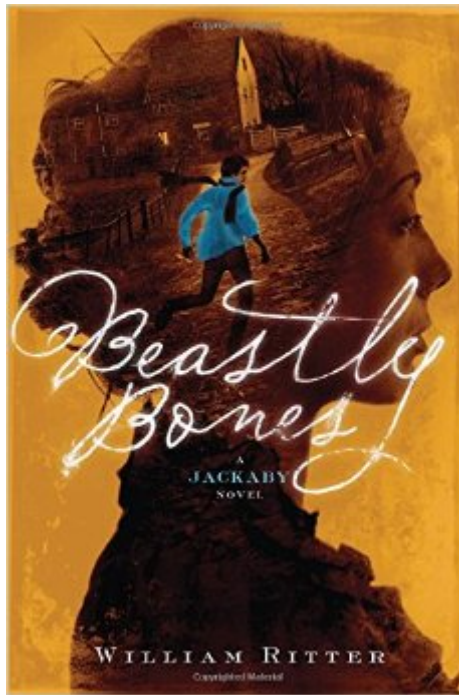


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Beastly Bones: A Jackaby Novel



Synopsis

â œIâ™ve found very little about private detective R. F. Jackaby to be standard in the time Iâ™ve known him. Working as his assistant tends to call for a somewhat flexible relationship with reality . . .â • In 1892, New Fiddleham, New England, things are never quite what they seem, especially when Abigail Rook and her eccentric employer, R. F. Jackaby, are called upon to investigate the supernatural. First, members of a particularly vicious species of shape-shifters disguise themselves as a litter of kittens. A day later, their owner is found murdered, with a single mysterious puncture wound to her neck. Then, in nearby Gadâ™s Valley, dinosaur bones from a recent dig go missing, and an unidentifiable beast attacks animals and people, leaving their mangled bodies behind. Policeman Charlie Cane, exiled from New Fiddleham to the valley, calls on Abigail for help, and soon Abigail and Jackaby are on the hunt for a thief, a monster, and a murderer. *Beastly Bones*, the second installment in the series, delivers the same quirky humor and unforgettable characters as *Jackaby*, the book the Chicago Tribune called â œSherlock Holmes crossed with Buffy the Vampire Slayer.â • A 2016 YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults Title Â

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Customer Reviews

Well, needless to say, I loved this book (I finished it within a day. Oops). I loved the first one and *Beastly Bones* was a perfect sequel. The book starts off a few months or so after the events of the first and then just dives right on into the mystery. Itâ™s non-stop clues and intrigue with plenty of dry and wicked humor throughout. And death. Lots of death. Abigail continues to be a wonderfully

entertaining narrator and sheâ™s quickly becoming one of my favorite literary heroines. While she doesnâ™t have the same paranormal know-how as Jackaby, sheâ™s quick on the uptake and brings her own helpful insights into the case. She isnâ™t just some passive ninny- sheâ™s spunky, quick-witted, and is all about proving herself to be more than what society normally expects of gender. Her and Jackaby work well together and their friendly banter is both funny and shows how they are equals in this partnership. ALSO: (sorry if this is a bit of a spoiler buuuuut.....) Abigail was bold and made a move on Charlie! They kissed. It was adorable. I was grinning like an idiot when I read it. Ritter set the whole thing up beautifully. Ok, Iâ™m done. (AAAHHHH!!! 8D). Jackaby was his usual tactless, maddening, brilliant, blunt and unintentionally funny self. I know heâ™s compared to Sherlock Holmes a lot, and while he is all about deductive reasoning and trying to be as objective as possible, heâ™s very much his own character. Ritter did a good job of taking the Sherlockian canon and making it his own and into something new and just as entertaining. I found the mystery in this book to be just as entertaining as the first, though I have to admit I was able to figure out much of it before the big reveal at the end.

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