

The Girl Who Ignored Ghosts: The Unbelievables Book 1

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Those who enjoy suspense, ghost stories, and a little hint of romance are sure to devour Tansley's novel and its eventual sequels.

Supernatural and romantic elements are woven together nicely in K. C. Tansley's first book in the Unbelievables series, *The Girl Who Ignored Ghosts*. Though geared towards young adults, people decades older are sure to enjoy the palpable suspense woven throughout the novel.

Kat Preston is a teenage prep-school student who, for as long as she can remember, has had the ability to communicate with ghosts. Most of them just want the living to help them resolve conflicts they had when they were alive, but some want much more. After a short possession by one of these ghosts, Kat swears to do the thing that most drives them off: not believe in them. This succeeds just fine until she is called to help her professor with a huge research project on the Isle of Acacia, the site of a long-ago mystery still left unsolved. It's up to Kat and her team to find out what really happened on Sebastian Radcliffe and Cassie Mallory's wedding night in 1886, when the couple disappeared from their room, which was left covered in blood. A curse also began that night that will take the life of every succeeding Radcliffe heir, and it's about to kill the latest one—unless Kat can find a way to stop it.

Tansley takes those who are willing to suspend their disbelief on a fairly enjoyable ride. Kat Preston is easy to care about and seems relatable—except for the whole seeing-ghosts thing. The central plot of *The Girl Who Ignored Ghosts* is time travel for Kat and Evan, a fellow team member. Aside from the fairly strange way Tansley makes that happen, reading about the two teens inhabiting the bodies of those central to the Sebastian/Cassie mystery is riveting. Some of the characters can be tricky to keep straight, but it's interesting how the ones of modern day end up connected to those of old.

It's obvious from the last pages that there will be many more adventures for Kat and her team.

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