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Poison Apple Books: Thrilling. Bone-chilling. These books have bite!

Marisol and her mom move from the city to rural Montana for a few months, and stay with family friends and their twin children, Jack and Hailey. Marisol loves looking at the stars so far away from city lights, but she feels creeped out by the woods right by their house. She's even more scared when her new friend Lily warns her about the wolves there -- wolves that are most dangerous around the full moon. When she notices Hailey disappear several times late at night, Marisol starts to wonder...could she be friends with a werewolf?

## **Midnight Howl Details**

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## From Reader Review Midnight Howl for online ebook

### **Dharia Scarab says**

Working to read through my back log of children's books so I can donate. Three stars is my default rating for children and YA books and indicates they are good for their audience.

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### **Katie Fitzgerald says**

Marisol and her single mom have been invited to spend a few weeks of the year with friends in Montana. Though it will mean Marisol will be separated from her best friend for part of the school year, she thinks it will be worth it to experience life in another part of the country. Sure enough, when she arrives at her new temporary home, things are definitely interesting. For one thing, she's living with twins who are just her age. Jack is outgoing, cute, friendly, and popular, while Halley is quieter, more timid, and somewhat mysterious. After Halley disappears during the full moon on Marisol's first night, and then returns home with leaves in her hair, Marisol begins to wonder what she's up to. After hearing rumors about wolves at school, she becomes convinced that Halley is a werewolf, and sets out to prove as much with science.

I enjoyed this book more than *This Totally Bites*, but I couldn't help but notice that both books followed the same general plotline. Both involve suspicion that a young girl is actually a supernatural creature, and both have the same twist at the end. Both stories also seem to get somewhat lost in the speculation stages, reiterating the same questions many times, but taking longer than necessary to actually find the answers. They even share the Halloween holiday setting! I was really surprised to realize that they were written by two different authors - that is how closely related the books seemed. And unfortunately, once I picked up on that pattern, it kind of spoiled the ending for me by making it too predictable.

This book does have its strong points, though. I enjoyed Marisol's interactions with her new friends in Montana, and the horse back riding scene. I also really enjoyed her excitement about her new adventure. Many tween books focus on girls who have been dragged away from home by well-intentioned parents. It was great to see more of a go-getter character who actually sought out new experiences without worrying that it would ruin her current life.

I think I would have liked this book more if I had not already read *This Totally Bites*. It's the better written of the two, and the more engaging, but the predictable conclusion let me down in the end.

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### **Jaylie says**

Decent read. The illustrations are not very good, but the contents of the book are pretty good. I think it had just the right length, or it might have become boring. The werewolf aspect was kind of out of the blue, but it made a little more sense as the story progressed. The characters could use a little more development, but other than that I think this was a good book.

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### **Lauren says**

My favorite part of Midnight Howl was when the astronomy club went on a big camping trip, at night Marisol heard something outside and thought it was a wolf or a werewolf.

My favorite character is Lily because she was very interesting to me because she sort of relates to me because just like me I don't believe in werewolves or anything related to that.

When I was reading the book, I felt anxious to get to the end to find out who was the werewolf.

The part I pictures in my head was the ending when Marisol goes outside to find Hailey.

I made a prediction that the ending would be that no one was a werewolf and it would all just be a story.

The genre of the book would go under fiction because werewolves are not real.

I liked the way the author wrote the beginning, because how Marisol left to go to Montana.

I was mostly surprised that someone else was a werewolf instead of who I thought was a werewolf.

I will probably read the other books in the Poison apple series because they are full of mysteries.

I will recommend this book to other students because a lot of people like to read or watch stories on werewolves or vampires.

In my opinion I rate this book a 4 star due to it's great story.

I liked the ending because it surprised me about who was the werewolf.

I think other students should read the book because it will get you closer to your 40 and it's a great mysteries.

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### **Steven R. McEvoy says**

This is a fantastic series of books, geared for young women but with such great stories that any young reader would enjoy them. This is the fifth installment in the new series, Poison Apple Books from Scholastic, and it is not as dark as the previous books. It was a great read.

Clare Hutton has tackled the world of Shifters -- Werewolves, to be specific. Marisol and her mother are moving from Texas to Montana for most of her Grade 7 year. Once she arrives in this rural town she starts to experience strange events. Rumors about Werewolves and the town's history are woven into the fabric of the town and the family she and her mother are staying with. Marisol and her mother are staying with her mother's college roommate and best friend's family at their bed and breakfast. They have twins the same age as Marisol, Jack and Hailey. Soon though, Marisol is experiencing weird things, and she soon becomes suspicious that Hailey might be a Werewolf. But often we let our imaginations run away with us, especially if we are in a town with legends and history. The truth might be even more surprising than her wonderings.

This is another great book in a great series.

Read the review on my blog [Book Reviews and More](#). And with links to reviews of other books in the series.

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## **Mundie Moms & Mundie Kids says**

4.5 stars

Midnight Howl is a great read for middle graders who love paranormal reads. Marisol is a fun character to get to know! She's down to earth, loyal, and true to herself. Not only do I love that she's from Austin, TX, but I was excited to go with her to Wolf Valley, Montana, as her mother moved them there for three months while their apartment is being renovated. Leaving behind her best friend was a little hard, but Marisol quickly discovers there's adventures to be had in out doors, a cute boy, horseback riding, and a mystery surrounding the small town, that has to do with werewolves.

I loved that Marisol not only developed a fascination for wolves, but she loves the beautiful night sky and becomes a member of the Astronomy club. One of my favorite scenes is when they go camping. It brought back fun memories of being out in the middle of the woods, surrounded by beautiful mountains, telling scary stories by a roaring campfire.

Midnight Howl is a fun book to read with it's fun characters, it's fantatic setting, and great paranormal twist. If I had been in middle grade when I read this, it would be one of my favorite reads. This is the first Poison Apples Book I've read, and I like that the series is written so fans don't need to read the books in order. I recommend this book to 5th graders and up.

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## **Ronah says**

Werewolves man. I was so confused on who was or was not a werewolf but it's interesting trying to figure it out.

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### **Kat Lee says**

A good, light read but also rather predictable. I liked the characters and the taste of life in Montana.

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### **Anja allgood says**

it was great

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### **Lauren says**

This book is so good ..... not that im done with it yet i could probably read this book as many times as i could in one day.!!!!!!

I hope that if I keep telling people about these Poison Apple and Candy Apple series and books alot of people will keep on reading them!

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### **Amy says**

Midnight Howl by Clare Hutton is a book in the Poison Apple series, a paranormal version of the Candy Apple series.

Marisol's parents are divorced, so she is currently living with her mother in Austin, Texas. She'll be leaving her best, Tasha, for a few months because her and her mother's apartment is going to be rewired. Marisol and her mom, Ana, will be going to Wolf Valley, Montana to live with her mom's friend, Molly, who used to be her college roommate.

Marisol is excited when she sees that Molly has a girl, Hailey, her age. She soon realizes that Hailey doesn't seem to like her. Marisol also finds out that Hailey has a twin brother, Jack, who loves to cook. Hailey and Marisol do have something in common. They both don't eat meat.

When Marisol goes to Wolf Valley Middle School, she feels left out, but Jack had introduced her to several people. Some of those girls wave Marisol over to eat lunch with them. She finds out that they have an astronomy club that Lily, one of the girls at the table, is the president and invites her to. Marisol is so excited because she loves astronomy club.

Later in the evening, she goes to the club meeting. One of the boys there, Anderson, talks to and tells her that werewolves are in town. Lily quickly dismisses him but warns Marisol that they are wolves and not to go walking at night.

Marisol quickly believes that Hailey is a werewolf because one night there was a full moon and Hailey

wasn't in her room. Why is Hailey so standoffish around Marisol and everyone at school? Is it because Hailey's really a werewolf?

I really enjoyed this one. I found myself liking Marisol and being annoyed at Hailey when she wasn't being all that friendly to Marisol. There is a reason why Hailey is acting the way she is. There are also clues to whether or not Hailey is a werewolf.

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### **Kelly says**

This is another of the books that my wee crazy niece got from the library and I decided to read with her. And when I say "read with her" I mean that I took the book to work and read it. No part of my reading was done with the Little Bug in the room or near me. In fact, I don't think she's read any of the books at this point. Which brings up the question of why I'm reading her books which are clearly geared toward a younger audience. Well, the Poison Apple series is fun. It's fun and easy and I can zip through these books quickly while having a good time.

As with *Now You See Me...*, this book is written in a friendly and engaging manner. The plot is straightforward (girl moves to the country and starts imagining werewolves around every corner) and, once again, the main character is a little offbeat. Her hobby is astronomy, let's face it, that rocks.

I like that these books have a touch of the supernatural in them and the answers the characters end up with aren't all explained scientifically. Fun and fast, I'm still not convinced that my niece would understand everything that's going on but she's 8. I liked the book. I picked up on the nuances. Mid-grade readers would do well with this series.

-Kelly @ Reading the Paranormal

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### **Michele Lee says**

Marisol is a twelve year old vegetarian Texas city girl who moves to a rural Montana ranch with her mom for a few months while their house is being rewired. The ranch is owned by Marisol's mom's best friend, husband and twin children. Very different from the life she knows, Montana is mountains, wide spaces and active night life—maybe even including werewolves. In fact the history of the town is rife with legends of werewolves and Marisol can't dismiss the feeling of being watched when she's outside.

Midnight Howl is part of Scholastic's Poison Apple series of scary books for kids. These dark-themed books feature vampires, werewolves and ghost and appeal to kid who have grown up in a Buffy and Twilight-loving culture and want monster stories of their own to read. Midnight Howl is a tight book, it doesn't stray much from the werewolf mystery theme, which limits character development some, especially in secondary characters. But the setting is fun, ultra-modern and unlike the old Scooby Doo cartoons there really are monsters prowling the pages instead of just men in masks. Highly recommended for children's collections because of the demand of paranormal, spooky books for kids, they're a fun read.

Contains: spooky scenes

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**Avianna says**

Amazing book to read with so much suspense!!

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