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**Kat didn't believe in ghosts—until now. . .**

When Kat Sinclair's dad tells her his new job hosting the ghost-hunting TV show Passport to Paranormal means they'll be living on the road and visiting the world's most haunted places, Kat packs her bags without a second thought. But the ghostbusting life isn't as cool as Kat expected. The cast and crew don't always get along, the producer's annoying nephew has unexpectedly shown up, and Kat thinks the show—and her dad—might be cursed. Kat decides to start writing a blog with “a behind the scenes look at the creepiest show on TV.” But she soon discovers that going behind the scenes may just reveal more than she really wants to know.

## Dead Air Details

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## From Reader Review Dead Air for online ebook

### Farhana Faruq says

I received this through Goodreads first-reads. Thank you so much Michelle for this opportunity.

This is brilliant! Really! I'm actually floored at how much I enjoyed this book... maybe a little embarrassed too, as it's for children around age 11 and up. I love reading children's books but I've never read one I didn't want to put down until I read this. It's about a girl, a boy, a television crew and ghost hunting!!

There is a lot I loved about this book apart from the amazing storyline (a real page turner). The characters are great, especially Kat and Oscar - loved their humor. It's very well written and the vocabulary is more advanced (than what you'd usually find for this age group). The chapter titles are very creative. And it's unique, in that it's a book the current generation of children can associate with - it has blog posts, emails and even forum posts/comments, as part of the story.

The cover illustration is very well done and I liked the layout inside as well.

Overall, really loved the book (I don't think there is anything I didn't like about it) - will be adding it to my 'favorites' list.

I'd highly recommend others check it out. Look forward to reading more from this author.

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### Ms. Yingling says

Library copy.

Kat has been living with her grandmother, former Scream Queen Edie Mills, in Ohio. Her father was a news anchor, but decides to take a job cohosting a paranormal investigation show with heart throb Sam Sumners. Since Kat's mother has left to go find herself in Cincinnati, leaving isn't quite so hard, although Kat misses her friends. Soon, she is off to foreign countries to be home schooled by a production assistant, Mi Jin, and to help hunt down ghosts. She starts a blog, which becomes very popular, and which might help boost the shows ratings. There's plenty of ghost activity, and some summoning of spirits with a Ouija board.

Strengths: A very solid middle grade mystery with a nicely diverse cast. Some problems (the mother leaving and finding a new boyfriend), but nothing too sad. Lots of action and adventure. Enjoyed this!

Weaknesses: While the story is great, the book suffers from poor formatting. Paper over board covers, tiny print, looks like the pages will rip out after the book is read twice.

What I really think: I'm glad I bought this, and am looking forward to Graveyard Slot (September 6th 2016 by Grosset & Dunlap), but it's only available in paperback. It's so annoying that mediocre books get thousands of dollars of publicity, when really good books can't even get decent formatting.

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### Mehsi says

I totally forgot to do a review for this book, so here it goes, 13/14 days late, but I still want to write down my thoughts.

This book was really great, I was already hoping that I would find a new creepy, mystery, with ghosts series, and I did! The book is mostly a creepfest filled with mysteries, but we also have a bit of realism added to the mix. Kat's mom disappeared (it happened before, but she never came back this time, though she is trying to contact Kat, and her family). Kat doesn't want anything to do with her mom (Which is logical, what mom would just run off like that?), and in the book she finds out one big thing which turns her upside down. But her dad, and also her grandma, would love for her to just try to reach out back. So we have that going on, but also Kat trying to make sure her dad keeps his work, she is not ready to go back home.

What is going on with her dad? Well, the job he has now (the one with the supernatural show) has a curse or something going on with the hosts. Every host so far has quit after x number of episodes. Kat is really trying her hardest to get her dad to not fall under the curse. It was a really fun ride and it was interesting to see her thoughts, even though I already had a feeling it would be wrong, that is all I will say. :P

The book was also scary and creepy at times. We have ghosts, and other unexplained stuff going on, and it was really interesting to see that, but also see how Kat thought about it all, and how she turned from disbeliever to believer.

I also loved Kat's blog, I am glad she found something to enjoy.

The last part of the book was terrific and so awesome! What an end! I can't wait for the next book, I got it ordered, and I am waiting for it to arrive.

There was only one thing that I didn't like. Oscar. Oscar the pretentious little snot-faced troll. Even later with what happens there, I just couldn't like him. He ruined it for himself at the beginning. I know he will also be in the other books, too bad, but I will still read them for Kat, for the ghosts, for the blog.

All in all, I really enjoyed this book, and I would highly recommend it.

Review first posted at <https://twirlingbookprincess.com>

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### **Marie says**

I really liked the ghost mystery in this book. I can't wait to get a final copy and add it to my student library.

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### **Sara Grochowski says**

Love the characters in this one!! And it was delightfully creepy at times!

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### **T.J. Burns says**

*I received a copy of this book from Penguin Young Readers Group via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.*

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### **CrazyCat (Alex) says**

"Dead Air" is a book not only for middle grader, it's just as good a read for any older. It's funny, full of surprises and suspense. And don't forget the ghosts! Not too scary, but just the right amount of wonder if there might be ghosts trying to get in contact. The characters are likable, not without problems, just ordinary people. The story line is easy to follow and I didn't want to put the book down. This is a book for everyone. You can read it to someone, give it away as a gift or read it yourself. Those are the books I like, when everyone in the family can read it and talk about it. Can't wait what's in store for Kat in the next book.

\*\*\*I received a copy of the book via NetGally in exchange for a fair review\*\*\*

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### **Aggie says**

fun and exciting tale of Kat and her father traveling around the world to further his career and reignite his passion leaves Kat wondering what she believes- and leaves us worrying about her coming to terms with her mother leaving. Not only that, but our brave protagonist leaves everything behind, including her beloved grandmother, school and friends to travel -ghost hunt- with her father! A great story for late elementary grade students.

Action-packed and accurate in terms of how a teen would act and feel in situations Kat is presented with.

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### **Hannah says**

I'm probably a little biased because I work for the publisher, but this book is SO GOOD! Full of suspense, rich characters, and enough spooky stuff to make me a believer.

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### **Brandi Nyborg says**

I received this book through a first reads giveaway. I just received this book in the mail today and I've already finished it. That's how great this book was! I'm a big fan of paranormal shows like A Haunting, so this book was right up my alley. It's a fast paced story, with likeable, intelligent characters, that will hook you from the first page. I also liked that Michelle Schusterman included forum and blog posts that kept the story moving along. You will not be disappointed if you pick this book up, it's definitely worth a preorder!

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### **Lilyn G. | Sci-Fi & Scary says**

Dead Air is an excellent beginning to a new middle-grade paranormal fiction series written by Michelle Schusterman. It features a POC for the main character and has an LGBT edge to it (although that's not immediately obvious). It also has an awesome grandma in it. Gotta give points for the grandma who refuses to baby her grandchild, and was a former scream queen!

Kat, the main character in Dead Air, is going through some upheaval in her family when she ends up going

on the road with her dad. It's not long, though until the normal 'human' problems are buried underneath some paranormal ones. As someone who has never believed in ghosts, Kat finds herself having to re-evaluate her beliefs when spooky things begin happening around her. A curse, a ghost (or 3?), a new job for her dad, and a change of scenery all at once don't exactly give Kat the stability she needs, either.

I liked Kat. She's a perfectly believable character. She makes mistakes and she's got a temper, but she stands up for herself and her father without thinking twice about it. She's also pleasingly non-self-conscious, as she's more concerned with what's going on around her. She's also got a decent sense of humor, a bit of a mouth, and a bit of a hero complex that gets her in over her head.

Things of note for those that might care: Dead Air takes place on and off 'the set' of a ghost hunt. There is some explanation of EVP and the kids do play with a Ouija board at one point. There is a character with a heart problem, and it does act up during the course of the investigation. However, no long-term damage is done to the person's health.

A well-paced story with a bit of a spooky flair, Dead Air is not just for middle-graders. Easy to read and entertaining, Dead Air sets the perfect tone for what will hopefully be a popular series. I definitely recommend checking it out when you get a moment.

Disclaimer: I received a copy of this book from Netgalley for review consideration.

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### **Ella says**

[it was nice that the ghosts were actually real. Most ghost stories end with it being a hoax. (hide spoiler)]

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### **Yapha says**

This book about a ghost-hunting TV show is super fun and just the right amount of creepy! Kat Sinclair's grandmother starred in horror movies and Kat has been watching them since kindergarten. When her father takes a job as the new host of the TV show *Passport to Paranormal*, Kat is eager to tag along. She doesn't quite believe in ghosts, but a series of mysterious occurrences has her changing her mind. Along with a few other kids on the set, she begins investigating what really happened to the previous hosts. Recommended for grades 4 & up, but don't read at night if you are easily scared!

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### **Polenth Blake says**

Kat Sinclair's dad gets a new job presenting a ghost-hunting TV show. Kat goes with him and starts a behind-the-scenes blog, but there's more going on than she ever imagined.

Kat is dealing with family issues. Her mother has left. This gives Kat the freedom to find her own style, such as finally being able to cut her hair and wear horror t-shirts. She also gets on a lot better with her dad and grandmother (from her mother's side). But at the same time, she's angry her mother left. The children Kat meets on the set also have their own family issues to face. The parents here aren't shown as one-sided evil people or as always getting it right. They're realistic families trying to figure things out.

The internet features prominently. Each chapter opens with things like emails, blog posts and forum

comments. Kat writes her blog as well as staying in touch with friends and family. It covers the positive things, like people being able to share their interests. It also covers the darker sides, of death threats and obsessive fans. I liked that it handled those issues without making it sound like the internet was the start of them. Kat's own grandmother had a stalker when she was younger. The tools change, but there will always be people who take it too far.

There is a dash of the supernatural here, but the heart of the story is really the people, rather than the ghosts. Kat has to deal with Oscar, who is about her age. They're both being homeschooled by the show's intern Mi Jin. And there's the whole issue of why the show has such a high turnover of hosts. The mystery unfolds at a reasonable pace. It was obvious to me long before it was to Kat, but that does mean it's something the reader can figure out.

One of the crew, Lidia, has a congenital heart condition. She has a pacemaker, takes medicine, and has seizures. I did have concerns that this might be written off as having a supernatural cause. Seizures often get shown as something mystical rather than actual seizures. That doesn't happen here. Some things might aggravate her symptoms, but it isn't suggested that her heart condition was due to anything other than natural causes. However, I wasn't fond of the plot requiring the triggering of seizures, as in reality, there's never a good reason to do this.

Kat is biracial, with a white mother and black father. Her father is the one who appears the most in the story. Mi Jin is presumably Korean American based on her name, though it isn't stated. There's a gay supporting character. Generally, these things are handled with a light touch. The plot isn't focused on them, but they aren't missable.

This is a fun ghostly adventure, with references to classic horror films, and some new creepy tales of its own. There is some discussion of death (the ghosts tend to have died in bad circumstances), death threats and related violence. It's handled at an age-appropriate level.

[A copy of this book was received from the publisher for review purposes]

Review from: <http://blog.polenthblake.com/2017/01/dead-air-michelle-schusterman/>

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## **Hoover Public Library Kids and Teens says**

A girl raised on horror movies doesn't believe in ghosts . . . until her dad gets a job hosting a TV show called Passport to Paranormal. She has some experiences that put her beliefs to the test. Can't wait to read Kat Sinclair Files #2!

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