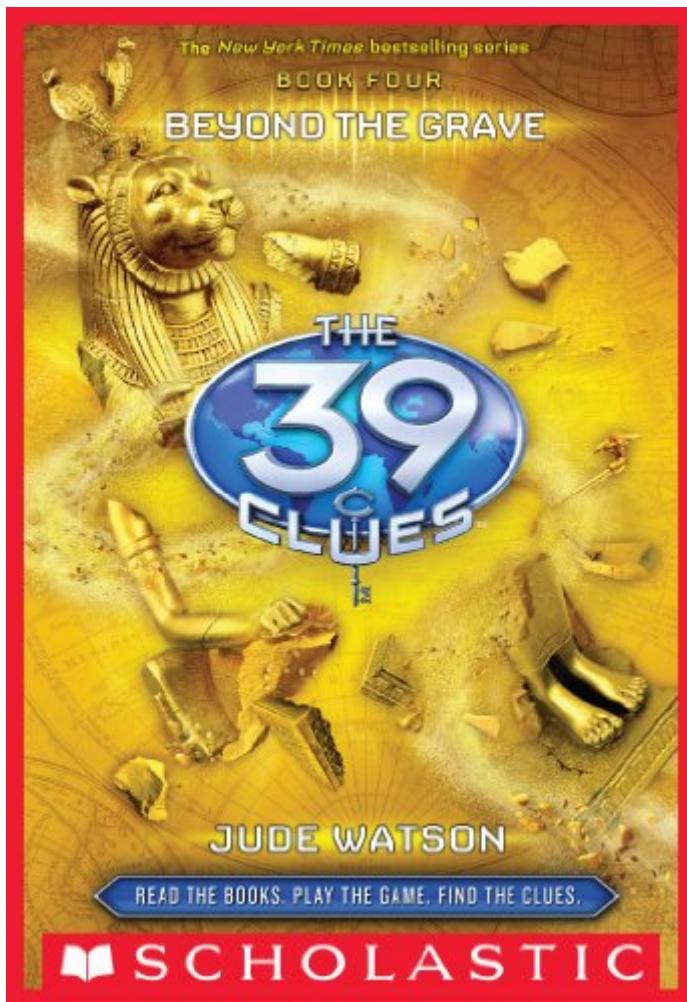


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The 39 Clues #4: Beyond The Grave



Synopsis

Bestselling author Jude Watson takes Amy and Dan on a thrill-packed ride for the 4th installment of The 39 Clues series. Betrayed by their cousins, abandoned by their uncle, and with only the slimmest hint to guide them, fourteen-year old Amy Cahill and her younger brother, Dan, rush off to Egypt on the hunt for 39 Clues that lead to a source of unimaginable power. But when they arrive, Amy and Dan get something completely unexpected - a message from their dead grandmother, Grace. Did Grace set out to help the two orphans . . . or are Amy and Dan heading for the most devastating betrayal of them all?

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Customer Reviews

I'm impressed by these 39 Clues books thus far. Usually, a breakneck pace involves some sacrifice of plot and characterization but that hasn't proven to be the case so far. In addition the educational aspects of the series, the historical people and the exotic settings, have been so deftly integrated into the plot that the reader never feels lectured to. I am also impressed by the talents of the authors

so far. Each author has managed to keep everyone perfectly in character while maintaining their own peculiar authorial "voice". Very well done. In this book, we visit various Egyptian locales in search of clues. Throughout the book the themes of loyalty and betrayal are explored. The Holts and the Kabras get the book "off" this time out. The main Cahill adversary this time is Irina but Jonah and Alistair make appearances while the mysterious Madrigals come into play. One curious point: a clue left by Katherine Cahill involves half a gram of something. The gram is a metric measure that wasn't devised until well after Katherine's time. Is this a slip up by the authors or a "meta clue" of some sort? It will be interesting to see how this plays out. Highly recommended. If you can't get your children into these books it's hard to imagine what books they could get into.

I have two very involved and active great-nephews that I was trying to encourage to read, so I bought the first two books in the series last year for their 10th birthdays. Not very excited when they saw books as presents but I asked them to read the first book and the next time I saw them we discussed the book, they loved the book and the characters, good history lessons good interaction and so this year when I bought the next couple they yelled yea our 39 clues books, they even bought the 3rd one in the series themselves so I had to buy 4th & 5th ones. They have been sharing the book with friends at school and call each other to discuss the books (mini book club). I read the first two books in order to discuss with the boys and found the books to be a fun adventure about a brother and sister solving a mystery that takes them all over the world and clues that involve learning about history. And buying the books through was quick and at the best price. The 39 Clues Book 1: The Maze of Bones The 39 Clues Book 2: One False Note The 39 Clues Book 3: The Sword Thief The 39 Clues Book 4: Beyond the Grave The 39 Clues Book 5: The Black Circle

Amy and Dan are back, searching for the mysterious 39 clues that could change the world. In this book they travel to Egypt, believing they have escaped their Uncle Alistair Oh's backstabbing. But Amy and Dan aren't the only Cahills looking for the clues. Irina Spasky is featured rather heavily in this book, but it seems the former KBG member may be... softening? In this book we also meet Alistair's uncle, Bae Oh, who is determined that the Ekaterinas will be the ones to piece all the clues together, yet he doesn't want Alistair to be the one to find them. Suspicious? I think so. Amy and Dan also meet an old friend of their grandmother's, Grace, and her grandson, whom Nellie (Amy and Dan's au pair) falls for immediately. But between Bae Oh, Alistair, Irina, Grace's friend, Amy and Dan don't know who to trust, and there is another twist that no one saw coming. The book ends on a bit of a cliffhanger, and it's promised in the next book that Amy and Dan will finally come face

to face with some of the Madrigals. Overall, I liked this book, but there were times when it seemed a little slow, especially in the beginning.

Dan and Amy Cahill are still on the hunt for the 39 clues. They have faced one betrayal after another. Now they have reason to suspect that their grandmother was as evil as the others in their extended family. They and their au pair Nellie are headed to Egypt to try to find the next clue in the hunt. Here they find that friends aren't what they think and enemies might not be total enemies. I personally enjoy these mysteries. I wish they were all out at once so I could go from one to the next. I will have spaced them out so far that I will need to go back and read the first through the last at one time. This was a little more difficult to figure out the clues. Jude Watson did a great job of bringing the culture of Egypt to life for the reader. Nellie once again surprised me. She started out in the first book a little bit ditzy. I now believe that that was what we were led to believe and she will continue to play a greater role in each book to follow. I Can't wait to read the next book which I should have in a couple of weeks. I gave this book a 4 out of 5 as I found some of the twists and turns to be a little bit confusing. Still I would recommend this book.

see book 1 for the same for all this series

Why I like this book is because of Dan's great sense of humor, Nellie's funny Scottish accent, and Amy's way to get out of things. Other than that, great book. People need to remember that every book can be good. I started this series thinking, "I wonder what this would be like." So this series led me back to Rick Riordan and some other authors that I am waiting to read.

I truly love this whole series. My older nephews passed them on to my elementary school age children and they can't put them down. Well written and captivating, the kids can't wait for the next in the series. I read them too!

I loved the riveting excitement in this installment of the series! My only tiny if not minuscule complaint was that Nellie (the au pair) kept disappearing & would just pop back up at random times with Saladin the cat. Overall I can't wait to read the next one.

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