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## **Editorial Review**

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—In this combination of ghost and coming-of-age story, readers follow Sunshine Griffith as she navigates the obstacles of a new school, boys, family, and, of course, her new and very haunted home. Sunshine and her mom move to Washington state from Texas for her mom's job. Their once strong and open relationship is soon sorely tested, not by the move but by something more supernatural. Sunshine starts to hear a little girl laughing and skipping around upstairs—a sound that only she can hear. She is soon fighting for her mother's life in this suspenseful tale. The chapters alternate between Sunshine's and the ghost's points of view, offering different perspectives on events. This sometimes frightening tale and series opener is based on a YouTube channel of the same name, so transmedia fans can enjoy both formats. Readers who appreciated Holly Black's *Doll Bones* (2013) or Cassandra Clare's "City of Bones" series (both S. & S.) should consider picking up this creepy debut. VERDICT A good choice for readers who enjoy Holly Black—Julie Zimmerman, *School Library Journal*

Review

"Sunshine's adventure is filled with bumps in the night and shadowy figures, alluding to a larger mystery and larger world that has plenty to offer imaginative readers who grew up on *Goosebumps* and the like. Suspenseful, exciting and endlessly entertaining."

— *Kirkus Review*

"Sunshine's story started as a YouTube series, and this creepy, suspenseful story condenses the plot of the original and offers a more polished voice than the videos. Existing fans won't be the only ones eager for more of this strong but vulnerable heroine just awakening to her potential."

— *Booklist* (Grades 7–10)

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— Julie Zimmerman, *School Library Journal*

"The plot moves along smoothly and rapidly, and the writing is graceful and wonderfully polished... It's hard not to finish *The Haunting of Sunshine Girl*."

— Lev Grossman, *Time Magazine*

"*The Haunting of Sunshine Girl* starts with mysterious ghostly laughter late one night. The laughter quickly turns to horror. It seems Sunshine Griffith has moved into a house haunted by many evil spirits. Trust me - these spirits will haunt YOU, too. I was on the edge of my seat from the very first page."

— R.L. Stine, author of *Goosebumps* and *Fear Street*

"Enthralling! Shivers of anticipation creep up and terrifying, ancient revelations come thick and fast. *Sunshine Girl* is a winner for fans of teen horror!"

— Anya Allyn, author of *The Dark Carousel* series

“When teen prodigy Paige McKenzie sets her mind to do something, she does it big time. 200,000 active YouTube subscribers on her site and over 100 million views, for instance. Not bad for a kid who still gets carded and can't vote. So when she decided to write a scary book, she nailed that one too. By the end of the first chapter I turned on all the lights in the house, even though it was noon. And it wasn't long before I'd retreated into that last-resort safe room buried deep beneath my brain's Fear Center, praying the lock would hold. No such luck. Before I knew McKenzie was out there she'd hacked the door and let all manner of frightening things slither in to get me. ... Things that go bump in the night are afraid to read this book. Things that lurk beneath the bed cry for their mothers by page ten. McKenzie's skill telling the story of a young girl who inadvertently moves into a haunted house with her clueless mother is a thing that slips up behind and puts a cold white hand right down your spine and just won't let go. The book is called *The Haunting of Sunshine Girl*. Read it if you dare, but don't say I didn't warn you.”

— Wes Craven, Filmmaker

#### About the Author

**Paige McKenzie** (Portland, Oregon): At 16 years old, Paige became the star, co-producer and co-creator of a show that receives millions of views each month. Paige is the daughter of a working actress, and grew up around sets. She has worked tirelessly to make Sunshine a success and grow her fan base, contributing content and cultivating a relationship with Sunshine's fans. In 2013 Paige was featured in three issues of *Seventeen* magazine as a "Pretty Amazing" finalist for her work and ownership of *The Haunting of Sunshine Girl*. Now nineteen, Paige continues to work every day toward the growth and success of her brand. She will be the public face of the books.

**Alyssa Sheinmel** (New York, NY): Alyssa Sheinmel is the *New York Times* bestselling author of several novels for young adults including *Faceless* and *Second Star*. Bestselling author Luanne Rice called *Faceless* "gorgeous and wrenching... a vivid, compelling, beautiful, immediate novel." Bestselling author Anna Godbersen wrote that *Second Star* is "gorgeous: at once sun-soaked and haunted, elegant and strange...perfect." Follow her on Twitter @AlyssaSheinmel or visit her online at [alyssasheinmel.com](http://alyssasheinmel.com).

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