

The Ghost of Lizard Light



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From School Library Journal Grade 4-6-Ten-year-old Jack Carlton and his family have just moved to the small fishing town of Minty, ME, where his strict, unreasonable father has become the new elementary school principal. One night, the ghost of Nathaniel Witherspoon, a boy who died 150 years ago, suddenly materializes in his bedroom and cryptically tells Jack that he needs his help. The sense of mystery and suspense builds as Nathaniel continues to ingratiate himself to the lonely, confused boy, while Jack's relationship with his demanding father deteriorates even further. Readers will sympathize with Jack, who is forced to do extra math homework over the summer and whose anger and shame increase with each new scolding. The ghost and a family boating accident provide the means by which Jack eventually reverses his father's poor opinion of him and becomes a hero. The supernatural side of the story plays second string to the realistically portrayed father/son relationship. Clayton's occasional pencil drawings adequately depict the characters and setting in this engrossing tale. Linda Bindner, formerly at Athens Clarke County Library, GA Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title. Review "Kids will appreciate the idea of being chummy with a ghost, and they'll revel in wondering if he's real or not." "The Bulletin" An engrossing tale. "School

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