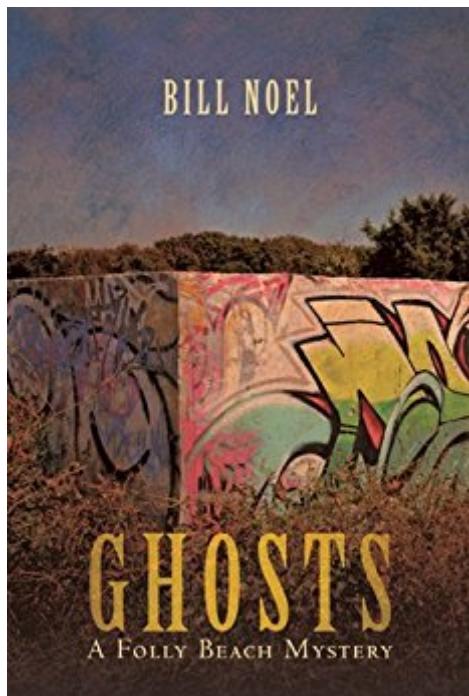


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Ghosts: A Folly Beach Mystery



Synopsis

Chris Landrum's idyllic life of retirement on the South Carolina barrier island of Folly Beach just got turned upside down. After more than two decades, his ex-wife, Joan, calls to wish him a merry Christmas. He can tell she wants to tell him something more, but their conversation is cut short before he learns anything. Something's up. A second call from Joan's best friend delivers startling news. Joan's husband has just been killed in an automobile accident in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee, and Joan wants Chris to investigate. Even though it's hundreds of miles from Chris's peaceful beach cottage, he agrees to help. Meanwhile, Chris's best and strangest friend, Charles, joins the working world as a bartending private detective, two jobs he stumbles and bumbles through with equal measures of incompetence. Country Cal, an aging country music singer and new bar owner, hires Charles to catch a petty thief who is stealing bourbon and cash. Heather, a psychic and Charles's main squeeze, blames ghosts; since no one can figure out how the culprit is breaking in, she seems to be right. Unfortunately for Chris, he's got a little more to worry about than missing booze. It looks like Joan's husband was murdered. Now, Chris has to find the culprit before he becomes the next victim—hardly a day at the beach!

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Customer Reviews

Ghosts is truly a hauntingly beautiful work. What will Chris Landrum do when his past and present collide? Noel does a remarkable job capturing the essence of two very different locations while further revealing to readers the content of Chris's character. This book is a pivotal point in the series and does not disappoint! I cannot say enough wonderful things about this book. It is by far my favorite in this series and in my opinion Noel's most well-crafted work. That is a high compliment to pay any one book by an author who always delivers complex characters, intriguing storylines, and depth of feeling.

I am in the process of reading Bill Noel's Folly Beach series. I have enjoyed all of the books I have read to this point and am sure as I read them all there will not be a bad one in the series. Having said that, 'Ghosts' really touched me for some reason. All of Mr. Noel's books are well written, well thought out, hilariously funny and quirky! 'Ghosts' follows that same principle but there was just enough intrigue that made this book stand out for me. I'm not going to give anything away so read it for yourself and be prepared for a pull of a few heartstrings!

I took a chance and downloaded Folly, the first book in this series and was hooked! As soon as I finished that one (maybe even before) I downloaded the remaining 5 in the series and read them all back to back. I loved them all equally. Having been to Folly beach many times and hearing the stories of my parents visiting there during their teen years I can honestly say that the author did a great job at making me feel as if I were there and I could visualize how things were in the past as well. At almost every point in the story I could literally place myself in the location he was writing about. This particular book was one of the few that actually did surprise me in the end. Very well done!

Found a couple of free Bill Noel's Folly Beach books, GOT HOOKED, downloaded thru book #7: Just finished Ghosts. LOVE THE FOLLY BEACH SERIES. They are a little funny, a lot nerdy, compassionate and helping each other when in need. Love the comradely between the guys, Chris

is making friends left and right. Reading #7; #8 comes out next month. I didn't mention Chris and the guys solve murders, too.!!!!Great reading, Thanks Bill

I just finished reading "Ghosts" a little bit ago and found it to be a great read!! So far, author Bill Noel has never let me down when it comes to his loveable, flawed characters who seem to innocently attract intrigue and danger like light attracts moths. The setting of little Folly Beach is like a hometown paradise and becomes a character, itself. The endings are always a surprise to me and I am always sad to leave these wacky, memorable people when I come to the Book's end. "Ghosts" is yet another great read by a talented author.

This book is wonderful! After only a couple of chapters you are so comfortable with the characters that you feel you are in their "world". I suppose the reason it's so easy to relate is that these characters are just like the people we know in real life with their individual idiosyncrasies. I have enjoyed reading the whole FOLLY series although each book can stand on its own merit. The emotional qualities of humor and wit mixed with mystery pushes you to continue reading page after page and not wanting to lay the book down. The author's description of scenes and events appeals so much to the imagination that you could say you've visited. I love this book so much that I won't lend it out in fear of it not coming back! Try it and say "hi" to Chris, Charles and other friends in my alter "hometown"!

Great book!

I started with the first book "Folly" and never stopped. I read the whole series so fast, they were so great, I couldn't stop. I'm about to go back and read them all over again to pick up details I might have missed. They are the kind of books that can be read many more than one time. They are THAT good.

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