



The Treasure in the Attic

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Greensboro Author Releases Third Children's Book, a Mystery About an Intriguing Monkey Head Found in a Trunk

For her entire life, Paws and Claws Publishing author Stella Barton Day has loved reading books to children. Her special Italian grandmother loved mystery books, and so does Stella. The author's engaging third children's book is just such a mystery that will intrigue readers. This adventuresome tale will take readers to a faraway land in Daniel's dreams. Suspense, thrills, and enticing mystery abound in this arresting tale. No spoiler here, but the ending of this story will have readers begging for more.

GREENSBORO, NC—JUNE 8, 2018—Daniel's teacher gave his class a writing assignment consisting of two rules. Students had to go to their grandparents' (or aunt's and uncle's) home. They had to explore a room they'd never visited there and write about what they found. Daniel and his mom went to his grandma's big old house near them. Grammy suggested that he explore her attic.

Though Daniel's older sister had cautioned him never to go into the attic because it was spooky, he persevered. He asked his mom to join him, and she assured him he could do it alone.

In the farthest corner of the attic, he discovered a trunk owned by his Great Great Uncle Fletcher who rode trains when he was a young man in the 1890s. He sold special clocks all around the Eastern United States and had many adventures that he never wrote about. Grammy encouraged Daniel to write about what happened in his life since it may be important one day.

In a fancy red box at the bottom of the trunk, Daniel found a mysterious monkey head. When he showed it to his grandma, she looked as if she went to another place. Back at home at bedtime, the monkey's eyes glowed red and made Daniel very sleepy. For three nights straight, he had very exciting adventures with the monkey in lively dreams. By the end of the third heart-stopping dream, Daniel had his story and returned the monkey to his grandmother whose eyes said it all.

This riveting story will capture the attentions of readers of mysteries. They're sure to be curious as the story develops and Daniel experiences his ever-more-exhilarating dreams about him and the monkey. The author has masterfully created the children's mystery book that her Italian grandmother and she would've enjoyed reading together. Readers will have questions that the author has answered in the book and others that will leave them wondering.

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