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Description:

From Publishers Weekly Wright (*A Ghost in the Family*) spins a suspenseful modern-day gothic but leaves a few threads of the frame story dangling. Shortly after 15-year-old narrator Jenny Joslin and her family moves to Crescent Lane, she experiences a series of supernatural occurrences.

Photographs appearing and disappearing from the wall, loud sobbing noises emerging from neighbor April's house and a sequence of household disasters next door all seem to be connected to a "moonlight man," an apparition both Jenny and her younger sister have seen wandering in the woods surrounding their street. In an attempt to find out the cause of these mysterious goings-on, Jenny researches the histories of former residents and interrogates her crotchety neighbors, the Carpeks, who have lived in the same house for more than 50 years. While many clues lead nowhere, the protagonist fits together enough pieces to reconstruct a tragic tale of ill-fated love. Readers anxious to reach the final unraveling of events may overlook a few narrative shortcomings: two-dimensional minor characters, contrived plot details and the undeveloped subplots of Jenny's tenuous friendship with self-centered April and the heroine's grief over her mother's death. Though the mystery may be solved by book's end, the narrative raises at least as many uncertainties for Jenny's future on Crescent Lane as it clears for her neighborhood's past. Ages 8-12. (Feb.)

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From In the five years since her mother's death, 15-year-old Jenny Joslin has moved seven times, and the little house on Crescent Lane finally feels like home. So in spite of a disappearing picture, phantom footsteps overhead, the sound of a woman crying, and a man walking his dog by moonlight, Jenny and her six-year-old sister, Allie, are determined to stay. With resourcefulness characteristic of Wright's plucky young heroes, Jenny questions the grumpy neighbors next door, searches through old microfilmed newspapers, and pieces together the story of a tragic accident and a doomed love affair of 50 years before. Wright is popular for good reason: she knows how to spin a story and capture her young audience. Sympathetic characters and spooky happenings make this eerie tale perfect for dark winter nights. *Candace Smith* --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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