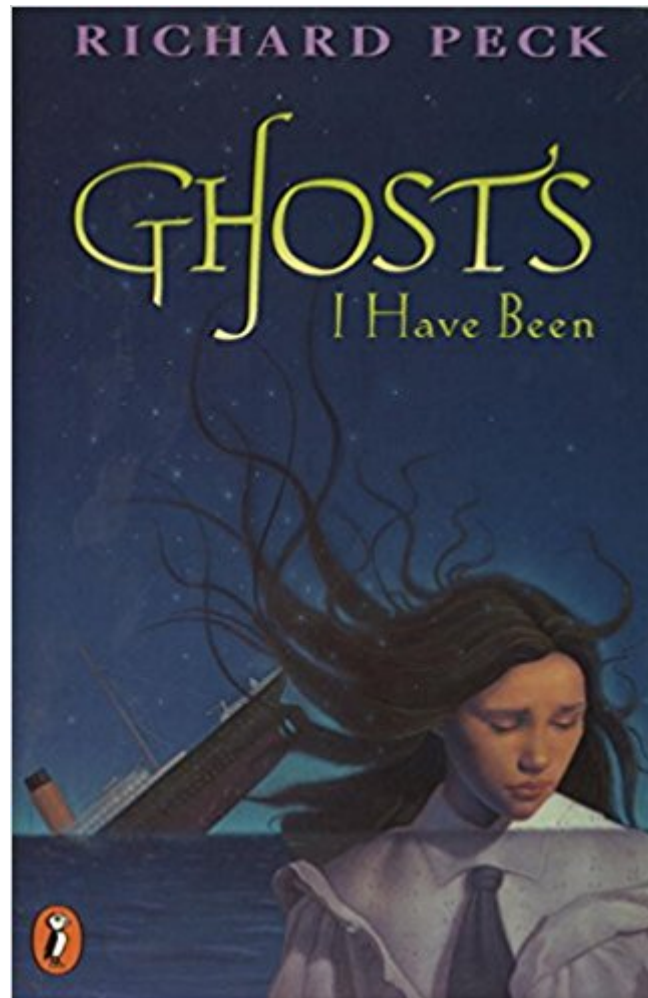




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# Ghosts I Have Been



## Synopsis

Blossom Culp is the outspoken outcast of Bluff City, always getting into trouble. No one wants to cross her, especially now that she's revealed that she can see the Unseen. Then Blossom herself is stunned, because her lie turns out to be truth. She actually does have second sight...and she is "on board" the sinking Titanic.

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Upon discovering that she has the gift of Second Sight, Blossom also learns that whether glimpsing the future or traveling into the past, one is powerless to alter history."First-class...an outrageous sequence of events charmed together with skillful wordwork."--Booklist, starred review.A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year, An ALA Best of the Best Books for Young Adults, A New York Times Outstanding Book of the Year. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I've read this book too many times to count. Blossom has such a unique voice and the charm she brings to the narrative is one of its major selling points. In comparison to the prequel to this book, *The Ghost That Belonged To Me*, I felt Blossom is a much stronger narrator than Alexander and that Alexander gets more opportunities to shine here in Blossom's story than Blossom got to shine in

Alexander's. Also anyone interested in the Titanic playing a part in a larger story will find this to be a fun read. I picked this book up in middle school after a unit on the Titanic and like I said before, I've reread it many many times. It's just as fun at 24 as it was at 13.

Blossom Culp, the poor fortune-teller's daughter from *The Ghost Belonged to Me*, has her own story now, and I couldn't be happier about it. Her pragmatic, down-to-earth, do-what-you've-got-to philosophy combined with her loyalty, her ambition, and her sense of justice made her a force to be reckoned with even before she developed her own psychic powers. Now bullies, con men, queens, and ghosts will have to answer to her.

I read this years ago when I was a teen and I recently gifted it to a girl tutor. She is enjoying it as much as I did! :)

When poor, small-town Blossom decides to put paid to a band of teenage pranksters bent on Halloween mischief, she sets in motion a chain of events that will ultimately lead her and her friends across the sea to London, to Madam Trussaud's Wax Museum and a Royal Drawing Room. Her adventures on the way and the characters she encounters range from the hilariously funny to the sublimely tragic, all met with Blossom Culp's particular blend of honesty, level-headed determination and... Second Sight. I can't wait to read Richard Peck's other books featuring Blossom Culp... and I'm over 60!

One of my favorite books as a teen. Good author. The story fascinated me.

Although technically not a sequel to *The Ghost Belonged to Me*, *GHOSTS I HAVE BEEN* has enough elements in it to tie the two together. Blossom Culp (who was the co-star in "The Ghost Belonged To Me"), a teenage outcast who is very poor and has an odd mother that should be arrested for child neglect, is the one who tells the story this time around. Anyway, Blossom pretends to have the gift of psychic powers and before you know it, it comes true. She ends up becoming a local celebrity after communicating with the dead and helping them find their resting place, which catches the eye of the Queen Of England who then invites Blossom for a visit. She's able to make the trip with the help of a rich and eccentric old woman and Alexander tags along. Here's another exciting tale from author Richard Peck that includes ghosts, con-artists, and historical events--all the while taking place in the early 1900s--that should keep kids of all ages glued to the book to the very

end. I enjoyed the adventure to England, the trance that takes Blossom back to the sinking of the Titanic, and the funny and ironic observations that she makes about people and life. If you enjoy reading children's books or are looking for some that are exciting but not too scary for the kids, I highly recommend this one.

I read this as a kid, but never forgot Blossom Culp. Richard Peck invokes the dialog and feel of the early 20th century in his chatty characters, their cars, clothes and attitudes. The Titanic story and his ghosts are just scary enough for my 10-year-old. It does have a bit of murder, suicide and heartbreak, but beautifully narrated in subtle storytelling. I found that the sequel to this book fell short, but Ghosts I Have Been is a treasure of a story- maybe a classic.

I remember the made for t.v movies the Disney company put out in the 70's. Child of Glass-excellent movie-even by today standars-in my dvd collection. When I first saw it, I wasn't aware it was based on Richard Peck's book The Ghost Belongs to me. After getting the dvd of Child for x-mas. I looked him up and found out about the book series. I read ghost I have been. It's a great and insightful look into the supernatural-even for a kids book. I would highly suggest get one for yourself and the child in your life.

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