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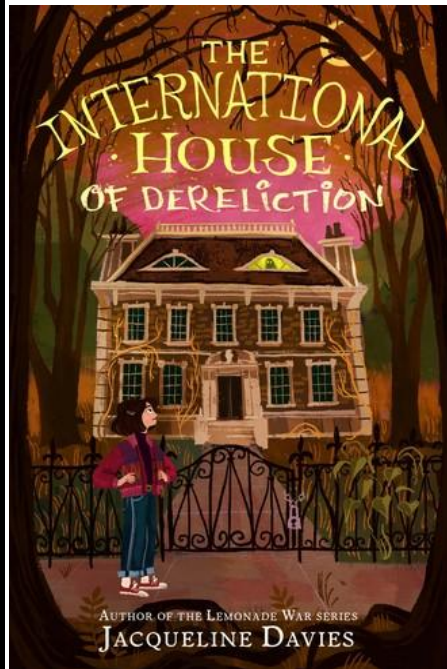
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Fiction

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3-8



Book Review: INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF DERELICTION, THE

Meet Alice, a 10-year-old with quirky parents who work at a seemingly quirky college that gives the family quirky and dilapidated campus housing. The family is quite adept at restoring the homes. When the family is moved for the 11th time in Alice's young life, they take a solemn family oath NOT to restore this home. Nothing is said about the house next door, however, and Alice cannot help but fall in love with this house.

A house with a heartbeat? Absolutely! This heartbeat lures Alice, who single-handedly begins to restore the home. Of course, there are ghosts in the house. The story of Alice's relationship with the ghosts is just plain fun and also heartbreaking as she helps each one resolve "Unfinished Business of the Heart."



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