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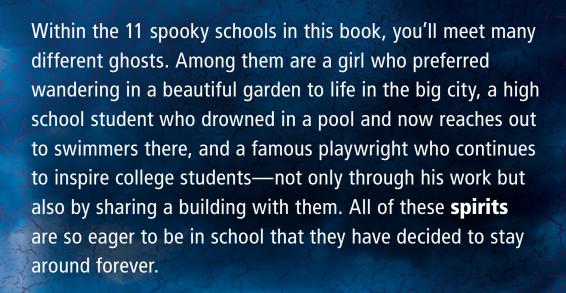
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## Spooky Schools

Most of the time schools aren't so scary. Usually they are just buildings filled with students studying in classrooms, reading in the library, playing in the gym, and eating in the lunchroom. Imagine how truly scary the school day would be, though, if there were ghosts in attendance.







### The Ghost in the Garden

Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York

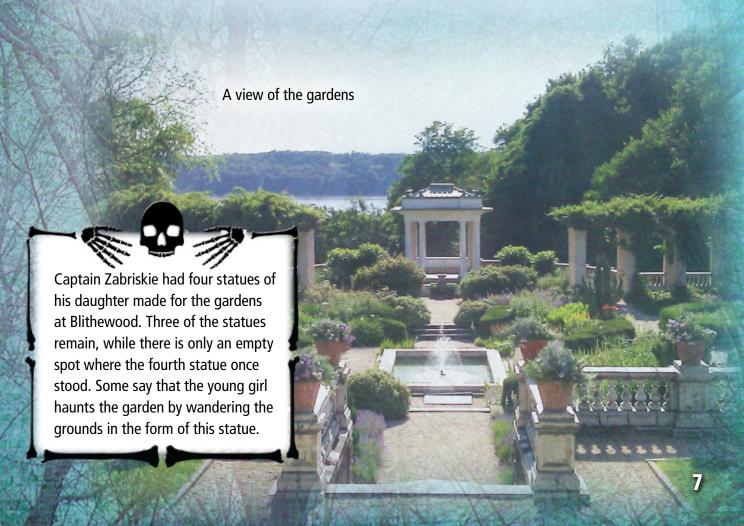
Students at Bard College are lucky to go to school on a gardenlike **campus** overlooking the Hudson River. The spot is so beautiful that one girl, it seems, decided to return to it after death—and hasn't left since.

In 1899, Captain Andrew C. Zabriskie bought a large piece of property overlooking the Hudson River. There, he built a grand white **mansion** to use as a summer home for his family. He also put in beautiful gardens and walkways, many with breathtaking views of the river. Because the property had been formerly known as Blithewood, everyone called the new house Blithewood Mansion.



Just over fifty years later, in 1951, the captain's son gave Blithewood Mansion to nearby Bard College. Since then, students and teachers have seen a strange girl wandering both outside and inside the house, which is now used by **professors** who teach **economics**.

The girl, who seems to be somewhere between eight and twelve years old, is believed to be Captain Zabriskie's daughter. People say that one winter night she fell—or perhaps jumped—to her death from a window of her family's New York City apartment. Because she disliked the big city, she is now reported to spend all her time as a ghost at her family's beautiful home on the river.



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## SCARY PLACES

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Usually they are just buildings filled with students studying in classrooms, reading in the library, playing in the gym, and eating in the lunchroom. Imagine how truly scary the school day would be, though, if there were ghosts in attendance. Within the 11 spooky schools in this book, you'll meet many different ghosts. Among them are a girl who preferred wandering in a beautiful garden to life in the big city, a high school student who drowned in a pool, and a famous playwright who continues to inspire college students—not only through his work but also by sharing a building with them.

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