Title: The Canterville Ghost and Other Short Stories

Author: Mr. Oscar Wilde

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Reason:

What would you do if you were told that the flat you were living was haunted? In the story of ‘The Canterville Ghost’, the Otis family encountered this ‘problem’ but they handled this it in an extraordinary way.

While writing this book report, the happy memories associated with reading this fantastic story flood my mind. The Canterville Ghost was my S3 class reader. Since I read this book, I have recommended it to many friends and students. Every time when I read it, I can’t stop laughing.

The plot is so funny that I kept giggling when I taught my students this story. Needless to say, my students also enjoyed reading it. I cannot tell you the plot, otherwise I would spoil your reading pleasure. However, I can assure you that this is a lovely story with simple and easy language. If you would like to learn English and have fun at the same time, this book will certainly be a good choice.
"The Canterville Ghost" is a short story by the Irish author Oscar Wilde which contains elements of both horror and comedy. It was first published in two parts in the February 23 and March 2, 1887 issues of the British magazine The Court and Society Review. It was republished in an anthology of Wilde's works, Lord Arthur Savile's Crime and Other Stories in 1891. The canterville ghost. I reckon that if there were such a thing as a ghost in Europe, we'd have it at home in a very short time in one of our public museums, or on the road as a show. I fear that the ghost exists, said Lord Canterville, smiling, though it may have resisted the overtures of your enterprising impresarios. It has been well known for three centuries, since 1584 in fact, and always makes its appearance before the death of any member of our family. As Canterville Chase is seven miles from Ascot, the nearest railway station, Mr. Otis had telegraphed for a waggonette to meet them, and they started on their drive in high spirits. It was a lovely July evening, and the air was delicate with the scent of the pine-woods. The Canterville Ghost is one of three stories in this book. In the second story, Lord Arthur Savile's Crime, Lord Arthur meets the rather unpleasant Mr Podgers at one of Lady Windermere's parties, and his whole life changes. He wrote many short stories, but also the famous full-length book The Picture of Dorian Gray (1890), which was later made into a film. This is the strange and clever story of a man who does not show his age. He stays young and handsome for many years. Lady Canterville had asked Mrs Otis to continue Mrs Umney's employment as housekeeper at Canterville Chase, and Mrs Otis had agreed. Welcome to Canterville Chase, Mrs Umney said to the Ambassador and his family. She led them through the large hall into the library. The Canterville Ghost starts with the sale of an old British mansion called Canterville Chase to Horace B. Otis, an American minister. Though the prior owner, Lord Canterville, notifies Mr. Otis that the mansion is haunted, Mr. Otis is not feeling terrible and replies with bravery that ghosts do not exist even its all about to develop terrible effect. After a short time, Mr. Otis moves into the Chase with the rest of his family: his better half-life partner, Lucretia; his eldest son, Washington; his beloved fifteen-year-old daughter, Virginia; and his two young twin sons. Upon moving in, Mrs... She gives warning Mrs Otis that Sir Simon's guilty ghost still haunts Canterville Chase.