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Why Kids Love a Good Scare

WRITING FOR KIDS AND YOUNG ADULTS

As Halloween approaches, two award-winning and best-selling authors discuss how to craft mysteries that send shivers up and down children's and young adults' spines. Kids love to curl up with a good scare, so how do authors come up with frightening ideas, what kind of research do they do into the paranormal, and how do they goose up the spook factor to write the kind of suspense sure to thrill young readers long into the night? Come join in on this one-on-one discussion featuring two friends who delight in scaring young readers silly.

FEATURING

Mystery Writers of America / New York Chapter

WENDI CORSI STAUB

and

CHRIS GRABENSTEIN



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 2009

6:30 P.M. ON THE 6TH FLOOR



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CHRIS GRABENSTEIN'S first scary book for Young Readers *The Crossroads* (Random House) was called "an absorbing psychological thriller" and "rip roaring ghost story" by *Booklist* in its starred review. It won the Agatha Award for Best Children's/Young Adult Mystery, was cited as one of 2009's Top Ten Crime Fiction Books for Young Readers, and has been nominated for an Anthony Award.



Kirkus raved about the second book in his haunted places series, *The Hanging Hill*, saying, "thrills and chills of the ectoplasmic and mildly gruesome kind abound in this exciting, humorous sequel. Readers will race through terse sentences and demonically paced chapters to reach the satisfying, Indiana Jones-like and, yes, thought-provoking ending — and they'll be hanging on for the next installment."

He is also the author of the John Ceepak mysteries *Tilt a Whirl* (Anthony Award winner), *Mad Mouse*, *Whack a Mole*, *Hell Hole*, and *Mind Scrambler*, and the thrillers *Slay Ride* and *Hell for the Holidays*.

He is the president of the Mystery Writers of America/New York Chapter.
www.ChrisGrabenstein.com.

WENDY CORSI STAUB, bestselling author of more than seventy novels, has penned multiple *New York Times* bestselling adult thrillers and more than two dozen young adult titles under her own name. As Wendy Markham, she's a *USA Today* bestselling author of chick lit and romance.



Her Lilly Dale series about a young girl's encounters with the real life spiritualist world in western New York State have been frightening young readers from A to D (so far) with the titles *Awakening*, *Believing*, *Connecting*, and *Discovering*.

Industry awards include a Romance Writers of America *Rita*, three Westchester Library Association *Washington Irving* Awards for Fiction, the *Romance Writers Association-NYC Golden Apple for Lifetime Achievement* and the *Romantic Times Bookreviews Career Achievement Award in Suspense*.

Between May 2008 and May 2009, she released six original novels from four publishers and will publish two additional titles this year. She lives in suburban New York City with her husband and children.

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