



# Ghoulia and the Ghost with No Name

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*Ghoulia and the Ghost With No Name* is the latest book in a delightful series by Barbara Cantini. Once again Crumbling Manor is preparing for a party and our favorite characters are all there. But before the party, Ghoulia has a mission that involves helping a ghost find his name and memories. Ghoulia finds a way to ensure he will always be remembered.

## READ

**Before:** Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, what do you think this story is about? Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

I wonder what they are all doing out in the snow?

**During:** Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in everyday conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

### Rare Words

- Manor - a large house in the country surrounded by land that belongs to it
- glowing - producing a steady bright light
- memory - the time within which past events can be or are remembered
- magic - tricks that seem impossible; done to entertain
- oblivion - the state of being unaware; of not knowing what is going on around you
- caretaker - a person who takes care of buildings or land
- fainted - feeling weak or dizzy; to suddenly become unconscious

**After:** Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- What annual event were the residents of Crumbling Manor preparing for at the end of December?
- Who tapped on the window and made Ghoulia jump?
- What did the ghost boy ask her to do? What was he missing?
- Who did Ghoulia turn to for help in finding the ghost's memories?
- What made people safe from Oblivion?
- What detective skills did Ghoulia use to find the approximate time ghost boy was born?
- How did Auntie Departed help Ghoulia find ghost boy's name?
- What did Ghoulia take out of the church office when she heard the caretaker approach?
- Once Ghoulia discovered his name, was Nicholas returned to him?
- What did Ghoulia do to make sure Nicholas would never forget his name?
- How was the annual "Dead But Not Departed" New Year's Eve Party? Who was best dressed?



# DO

## Design a Ghoulia Party Outfit

Materials:

Drawing paper

Markers

Colored Pencils

Crayons

Optional: Glue, beads, sequins, feathers, fabric scraps

Ask students to imagine and design a unique party outfit that they would wear if they attended Ghoulia's "Dead But Not Departed" party at Crumbling Manor. They could also design outfits for their favorite characters. Display all the designs together to celebrate their creativity.

