

The Dogs

By Allan Stratton

Grade Levels:

- 7-10

Synopsis:

- Cameron and his mother have moved again. They are always on the run from Cameron's abusive father. This time they move to a creepy old farmhouse owned by Mr. McTavish who is a mystery. Cameron sees things that he shouldn't and hears rumors of "the dogs" who mauled and killed a previous resident. The book blends Cameron's terror, both real and imagined, into a riveting "creepfest." What is lurking in the dark? Is it Cameron's father, the dogs, or something else?

This YA book will appeal to paranormal and horror fans and keep readers guessing.

Great book for reluctant or hi-lo readers. Included in Titlewave's Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers 2016

Author Website:

- <http://www.allanstratton.com/>

Lesson Ideas:

- [Discussion guide at author website](#)

Additional Materials:

- [Discussion guide at author website](#)
- Book trailer at author website
- 4 questions with author on website

Suggested Companion Titles:

- Mary Downing Hahn titles
- *Blink Once* by Cylin Busby
- *Asylum* by Madeline Roux
- *Hotel Ruby* by Suzanne Young

Professional Reviews:

- *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books* (10/01/2015)
- *Kirkus Reviews* starred (07/01/2015)
- *Library Media Connection* (10/01/2015)
- *Resource Links* (06/01/ 2015)
- *School Library Journal* (07/01/2015)
- *Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA)* (10/01/15)