

Boris Katloff and the Whispering Clock

The clock has started ticking again, and something wants out.

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Series Overview

The Spooky Sphinx Mysteries follow Boris Katloff, a sleek, sharp-witted sphynx cat with a gift for sensing spirits and a knack for helping the dead find peace. Alongside his loyal (and often reluctant) tabby companion, Whiskers, Boris unearths the quiet griefs and ghost stories hiding in the forgotten corners of Bluebell Harbor.

Each installment features a standalone mystery threaded with emotional depth, gentle spookiness, and a dash of humor.

Book 2: Boris Katloff and the Whispering Clock

When the long-silent clock tower in Bluebell Harbor chimes at midnight for the first time in decades, Boris knows something is wrong. His best friend Whiskers would rather stay on the couch, but a ghost is calling—and Boris intends to answer.

As they unravel the mystery of a missing clockmaker, a locked locket, and a magical spiral hidden deep within the tower, Boris and Whiskers find themselves racing to complete a story left unfinished. But memory is fragile, and some things are harder to fix than time itself.

From dusty library archives to gear-filled shadows, the cats must face lingering grief, a flicker of danger, and the hard truth that sometimes the past doesn't want to be forgotten.

Key Themes

- Ghosts, memory, and healing
 - Bravery, loyalty, and reluctant heroes
 - Friendship and emotional growth
 - Lightly spooky mystery with heart
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Perfect For Readers Who Love:

- *The Haunted Library* (Dori Hillestad Butler)
 - *The Graveyard Book* (Neil Gaiman, toned for younger readers)
 - Scooby-Doo–style sleuthing with more emotional payoff
 - Cats. Talking cats. Ghost-sensing cats.
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Series Format

- Each book is a standalone mystery with connected emotional arcs
 - No illustrations, 20+ short chapters (~1,200 words each)
 - Ideal for ages 7–12 or readers transitioning to longer fiction
 - Clean, immersive prose with carefully supported sentence structure
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Cat Dad Dave is an award-winning children's book author and humorist best known for the *Boris Katloff* and *the Haunted Mill* series. Blending spooky storytelling and feline mischief with a sharp comedic voice, Dave creates books for readers who love cats, laughs, and a little heart. Inspired by his late Sphynx, Boris Katloff, he brings warmth and wit to everything he writes—including this first-ever joke book tribute to the world's most dramatic cat breed.

With over 20,000 social media followers and a growing fanbase, Dave has developed a 30-title concept arc for the Boris series. His stories encourage empathy, curiosity, and just the right amount of mischief.

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