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The Canterville Ghost Oscar Wilde, 2025-02-18 A haunted mansion A frustrated ghost A family that refuses to be scared When the Otis family moves into Canterville Chase they discover that the mansion is home to a ghost who has terrified generations But to his dismay the Otises not only ignore his attempts to frighten them they mock him Desperate Sir Simon the mansion's resident ghost faces his worst nightmare a fearless family Only Virginia the eldest daughter seems to understand his suffering and may hold the key to his eternal rest With humor and a touch of melancholy *The Canterville Ghost* is a literary gem that blends the supernatural with satire

The Canterville Ghost Oscar Wilde, 2012-11-08 Originally published in two parts in *The Court and Society Review* March 1887 *The Canterville Ghost* is a comical short story written by Oscar Wilde His first published story it revolves around an American family who move into an English Castle However before long they realise that they share their new home with the ghost of a murderous English aristocrat An incredible humorous play brimming with Wilde's trademark wit not to be missed by fans of his seminal work Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde 1854-1900 was an Irish poet and playwright who became one of the most popular in London during the 1880s and 1890s Well known for his sharp wit and extravagant attire Wilde was a proponent of aestheticism and wrote in a variety of forms including poetry fiction and drama He was famously imprisoned for homosexual acts from 1895 to 1897 and died at the age of 46 just three years after his release Other notable works by this author include *Picture of Dorian Gray* 1890 *Salome* 1891 and *The Importance of Being Earnest* 1895 *Fantasy and Horror Classics* is proudly republishing this classic play now in a new edition complete with a specially commissioned new biography of the author

The Canterville Ghost Oscar Wilde, 2019-09-17 Annotations AUTHOR *The Canterville Ghost* Summary *The Canterville Ghost* Glossary *The Canterville Ghost* Themes *The Canterville Ghost* Quotes and Analysis *The Canterville Ghost* Symbols Allegory and Motifs *The Canterville Ghost* Metaphors and Similes *The Canterville Ghost* Irony *The Canterville Ghost* Imagery *The Canterville Ghost* *The Canterville Ghost* and Gothic Literature Horace B Otis a wealthy American purchases Canterville Chase an ancient English manor house despite warnings that the house is known to be haunted He moves into the house accompanied by his wife his eldest son Washington his daughter Virginia and his two younger twin sons Immediately upon arrival the family is confronted by a bloodstain in a sitting room The housekeeper Mrs Umney explains that the stain has been there since 1575 and is the result of Lady Eleanore de Canterville having been brutally murdered by her husband Sir Simon de Canterville The Otis family takes a pragmatic perspective and scrubs the stain away they repeat the process when the stain continues to reappear every morning The stubborn reappearance of the stain as well as other strange occurrences around the house leads them to consider that the rumor of the ghost may not be totally unfounded These ideas are confirmed when one night the sound of clanking chains wakes Mr Otis from his sleep He gets out of bed and confronts a terrifying ghost but responds only by recommending that the ghost oil his chains so that he does not cause so much noise when he is walking around at night Mr

Otis is not the only family member who is not afraid of the ghost the young twins enjoy tormenting the ghost with pranks The ghost is very proud of his tradition of terrifying visitors for hundreds of years and he is determined to strike fear into the American family However the more and more terrifying he tries to be the more they either make fun of or ignore him Things hit rock bottom for the Canterville Ghost when the twins actually create a fake ghost of their own to scare the real ghost He accepts that he has lost his status and power and he begins to become depressed and pine away Meanwhile Virginia s beauty has attracted the attention of the young Duke of Cheshire who comes to stay at Canterville Chase While he is visiting Virginia unexpectedly comes across the secret hiding lair of the ghost The ghost explains his sadness and suffering telling her that he longs for the peaceful experience of death He also tells her that because of her purity and innocence she can help him to achieve this peace Even though she is frightened Virginia agrees to help the two of them pass through a secret opening in the wall and vanish When Virginia cannot be found her family and the Duke become very upset A few hours later Virginia appears in the dark at the top of the stairs Her only explanation of her disappearance is that she has assisted in finally bringing eternal rest to the Canterville Ghost As a token of his thanks and affection Sir Simon has given her a box filled with jewels Virginia leads the family into a secret chamber where they are greeted by the sight of his skeletal remains Four days later Sir Simon s body is finally laid to rest with a proper burial Virginia subsequently marries the Duke of Cheshire Although she never tells anyone what she experienced when she vanished with the Ghost she always reflects affectionately on him and his memory

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The first thing the American family see when they step into their new British mansion is the bloodstain in the sitting room As it turns out they have moved into an already occupied house and their new roommate is a proud ghost determined to terrify them to death But things do not go as planned for the poor ghost The more he tries to scare the Otis family the more they make fun of and ignore him Clever from start to finish Oscar Wilde's *The Canterville Ghost* 1887 is charming and engaging It has been adapted to the screen many times and 1996 saw Patrick Stewart as the ghost Sir Simon de Canterville Oscar Wilde 1854-1900 was an Irish playwright novelist essayist and poet famous for *The Picture of Dorian Gray* and *The Importance of Being Earnest* to name a couple He was believed to be a homosexual and met a lot of resistance in his life on that account He died in Paris at the age of 46

The Canterville Ghost Oscar Wilde,2012-04-27

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removed with Pinkerton's Champion Stain Remover and Paragon Detergent. A quick fix like the Tammany Rising Sun Lubricator and a practical way of dealing with the problem. Wilde describes Mrs Otis as a very handsome middle-aged woman who has been a celebrated New York belle. Her expression of modern American culture surfaces when she immediately resorts to using the commercial stain remover to obliterate the bloodstains and when she expresses an interest in joining the Psychical Society to help her understand the ghost. Mrs Otis is given Wilde's highest praise when he says: 'Indeed in many respects she was quite English.' The most colourful character in the story is undoubtedly the ghost himself, Sir Simon, who goes about his duties with theatrical panache and flair. He assumes a series of dramatic roles in his failed attempts to impress and terrify the Otises, making it easy to imagine him as a comical character in a stage play. The ghost has the ability to change forms so he taps into his repertoire of tricks. He takes the role of ghostly apparitions such as a Headless Earl, a Strangled Babe, the Blood Sucker of Bexley Moor, Jonas the Graveless, Suicide's Skeleton, and the Corpse Snatcher of Chertsey Barn, all having succeeded in horrifying previous castle residents over the centuries. But none of them works with these Americans. Sir Simon schemes but even as his costumes become increasingly gruesome, his antics do nothing to scare his house guests and the Otises succeed in foiling him every time. He falls victim to trip wires, pea shooters, butter slides, and falling buckets of water. In a particularly comical scene, he is frightened by the sight of a ghost rigged up by the mischievous twins. During the course of the story, as narrated by Sir Simon, we come to understand the complexity of the ghost's emotions. We see him brave, frightening, distressed, scared, and finally depressed and weak. He exposes his vulnerability during an encounter with Virginia, Mr Otis's fifteen-year-old daughter. Virginia is different from everyone else in the family, and Sir Simon recognizes this fact. He tells her that he has not slept in three hundred years and wants desperately to do so. The ghost reveals to Virginia the tragic tale of his wife, Lady Eleanor de Canterville.

The Canterville Ghost Oscar Wilde, 2021-08-08

The Canterville Ghost is a humorous Horror short story by Oscar Wilde. The story is about an American family who moved to a castle haunted by the ghost of a dead English nobleman who killed his wife and was then walled in and starved to death by his wife's brothers. It has been adapted for the stage and screen several times.

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Summary of the Canterville Ghost by Oscar Wilde

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it onto the spot until the stain is gone As soon as the stain is removed lightning flashes and a peal of thunder rocks the house The housekeeper faints in terror **Canterville Ghost by Oscar Wilde** The Canterville Ghost Annotated Oscar,2020-06-29

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The Canterville Ghost Oscar Wilde, 2021-05-02. The Canterville Ghost is a popular 1887 novel by Oscar Wilde, widely adapted for the screen and stage. The Canterville Ghost is a parody featuring a dramatic spirit named Sir Simon and the United States minister/ambassador to the Court of St James's, Hiram B. Otis. Mr Otis travels to England with his family and moves into a haunted country house, Lord Canterville, the previous owner of the house. He warns Mr Otis that the ghost of Sir Simon de Canterville has haunted it ever since he killed his wife Eleonore three centuries before. But Mr Otis dismisses the ghost story as bunk and disregards Lord Canterville's warnings. When the Otises learn that the house is indeed haunted, they succeed in victimizing the ghost and in disregarding age-old British traditions. What emerges is a satire of American materialism, a lampoon of traditional British values, and an amusing twist on the traditional gothic horror tale.

The Canterville Ghost Oscar Wilde, 2021-02-09. Despite multiple warnings, Horace B. Otis and his family move to Canterville Chase, a sprawling English manor with a dark history and a lingering guest. From the brilliant mind of Oscar Wilde, The Canterville Ghost is an irreverent mix of horror and humor. Canterville Chase is an English estate known for its troubled past. It was previously owned by a nobleman, Sir Simon de Canterville, who suddenly disappeared after the murder of his wife. When the Otis family buys the property, they begin to notice a supernatural presence. Yet unlike the previous residents, they're more annoyed than afraid. Sir Simon's scare tactics fall flat, leading to a ghostly identity crisis. The Canterville Ghost is an entertaining story that subverts the expectations of the horror genre. It's a family-friendly tale with Gothic elements balanced by slapstick humor. Since its publication in 1887, The Canterville Ghost has been adapted across multiple mediums, including radio, film, and television. With an eye-catching new cover and professionally typeset manuscript, this edition of The Canterville Ghost is both modern and readable.

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