

CANTERVILLE GHOST

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Imagine...

A medieval castle hidden in the shadows of the beautiful English countryside held captive by a four-hundred-year-old curse...

A curse on **Sir Simon de Canterville**, once noble master of Canterville Chase, for his dastardly deeds that can only be broken by an innocent girl...

A curse upon all of Canterville Chase, leaving Sir Simon and his house staff hostage between heaven and earth, and the present owner, **Lord Canterville** and his nephew **Cecil**, discouraged and frightened...

A curse that has made Sir Simon the most celebrated of English specters, able to inspire fear and awe in even the most disbelieving souls.

Imagine...

A picture-perfect American family, with enough *do-it-yourself* Yankee spirit to fill the whole of England...

Mr. Otis, father and financier, on a mission to save the snooty Brits from their own stodgy past.

Mrs. Otis, mother and busy queen bee, prefers the gaudy to simple and thoroughly enjoys throwing a good party.

Washington, ruggedly preppy son and entrepreneur, is a model of decorum after his father, unless of course there are young ladies around.

Virginia, young and innocent daughter, is ready to break out of her shell, with dreams of falling in love, becoming a famous artist, musician or even American President.

The Stars and Stripes, twins extraordinaire, with enough resources and energy to launch a rocket, are the pride and joy of their parents and the poster children for "ill-bred Americans."

Imagine as their two worlds collide...

Present and Past. *New and Old.*

Stars & Stripes and the Union Jack. *Commoner and Royalty.*

Love and Hate. *Natural and Supernatural!*

There's only one person who straddles both worlds in his quest to shatter the curse forever.

Meet **Oscar**, Sir Simon's confidant, muse and fellow poltergeist. He's a man with a penchant for fashion and style, a savant with a finger on the pulse of the centuries. He's a man willing to fight for beauty, a man willing to...

Meet **Mrs. Umney**, plain and severe, but with a touch of pink frill and an affinity for fainting and mischief. She is the "new" maid in the Otis Family household, with an already uncanny knowledge of the Canterville Chase and a particularly strong interest in young Virginia...

Meet Mrs. Umney by day, Oscar by night.

Imagine...

...Sir Simon, as he moans and rattles his chains, and only manages to get suggestions for improvement from the pragmatic Otis family.

...The Stars & Stripes, as they constantly foil Sir Simon's tried-and-true, age-old haunts.

...Mr. Otis, as he develops a business plan to catch the ghost and make a profit.

...Mrs. Otis, as she throws a party that is much too loud and far too garish.

...Virginia, as she falls head-over-heels for the dashing young duke, Cecil.

...Oscar, as he tries to keep his cover and still find time for a pedicure.

...Washington, as he muses over the scientific possibilities of both ghostly apparitions and girls.

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