

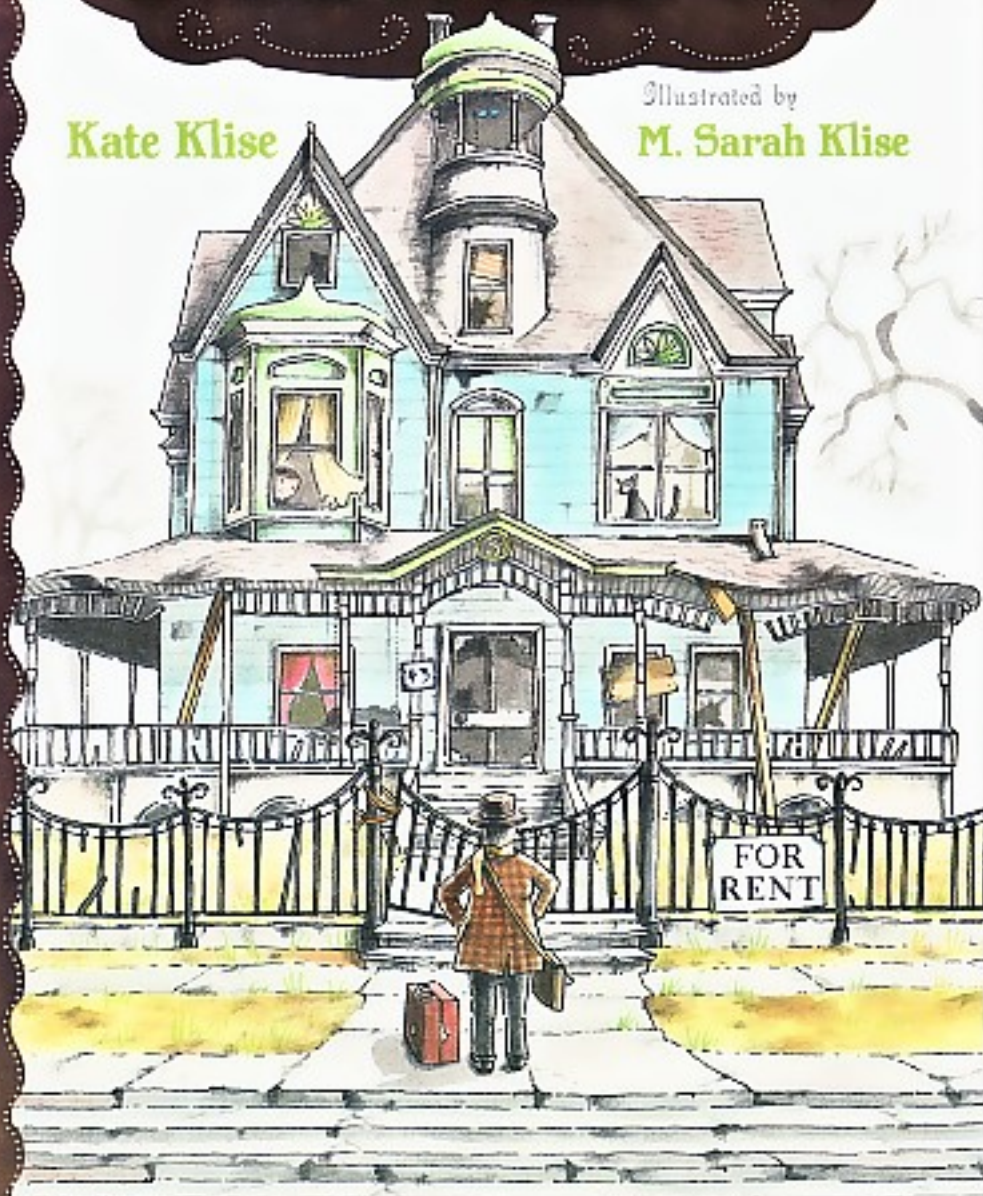
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43 Old Cemetery Road
DYING TO MEET YOU

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Mr. Ignatius B. Grumply
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Dear Mr. Grumply,

What a thrill to receive a letter from you. I didn't even know you were still alive!

I am a HUGE fan of your books. I read all the Ghost Tamer books when I was a little girl. My favorite was *Bartholomew Brown: Have You Met the Ghost Tamer?* I read it three times!

You'll be pleased to know that we have a variety of rentals available this summer. I have enclosed a brochure.

Please let me know if any of these properties appeals to you. If so, I can provide more details and arrange a tour of the property.

We never want our clients to be disappointed or surprised.

Sincerely,



Anita Sale

P.S. I just can't *wait* to read your next book. Goodness, how long has it been since you wrote a new book?

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Sir or Madam:

Is it true that you rent houses for the summer? If so, send me a list of your available properties.

I am looking for a quiet place to rent this summer while I finish writing my next children's book. (Truth is, I haven't started the book yet. But don't tell my publisher.)

Kindly respond by letter as I have disconnected all my phones. You can't imagine how pesky publishers can be when an author is late on a book deadline. They're as bad as annoying children.

Speaking of which, the house I rent *must* sit at a comfortable distance from all schools, parks, and other places where children gather. I happen to write books for children. That doesn't mean I want to see or hear the little monsters when I'm trying to work.

Cordially,

I. B. Grumpy
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**ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK:
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The best-selling author Ignatious B. Grumply moves into the Victorian mansion at 43 Old Cemetery Road, hoping to find some peace and quiet so that he can crack a wicked case of writer's block.

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