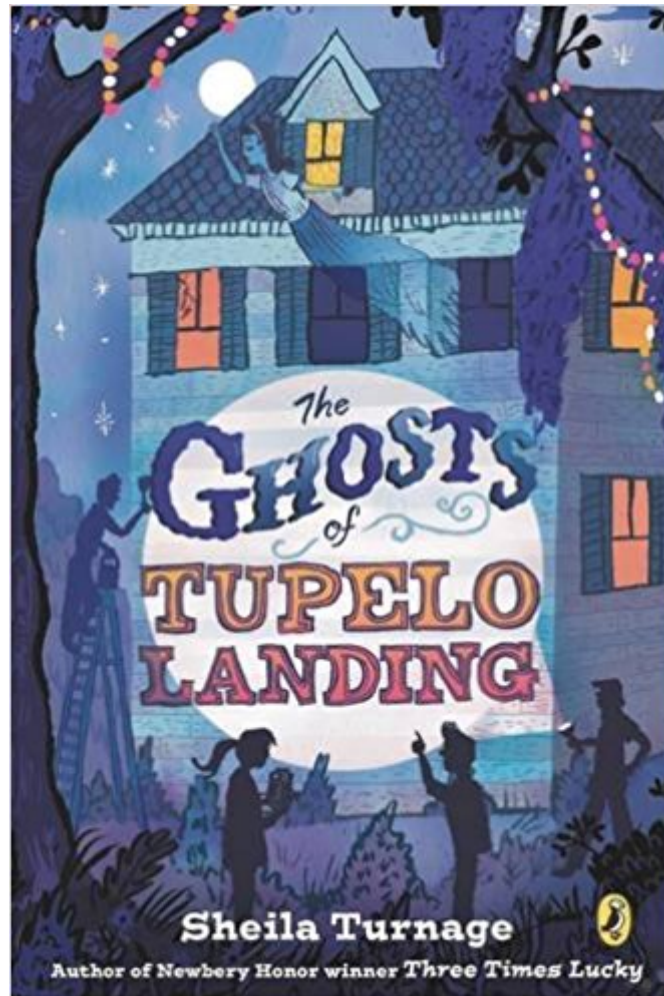




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The Ghosts Of Tupelo Landing (Mo & Dale Mystery)



Synopsis

The eagerly anticipated followup to the Newbery honor winner and New York Times bestseller, *Three Times Lucky* Mo LoBeau —one half of the (probably) world-famous Desperado Detective Agency — is back! When Miss Lana winds up the mortified owner of an old inn with an unidentified ghost in the fine print, Mo's itching to take the case. Plus, a historical ghost might make for some much needed Extra Credit in history. Who's haunting the old inn? And why? Mo and Dale set out to solve their second big case — only to find the inn might not be the only thing in Tupelo Landing haunted by the past. A laugh out loud, ghostly, Southern mystery that can be enjoyed by readers visiting Tupelo Landing for the first time, as well as those who are old friends of Mo and Dale. "A rollicking sequel." —Wall Street Journal "An irresistible Southern narrator — a literary descendant of Scout Finch of *To Kill a Mockingbird*." —Newsday on *Three Times Lucky*

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Customer Reviews

Gr 4 — In this sequel to *Three Times Lucky* (Dial, 2012), Mo and Dale are back in action. Mo's guardian Miss Lana makes the winning bid on a decrepit and haunted inn to avoid

having the pushy competing bidders as neighbors. She gets funding help from a wealthy friend and sets about to get the inn ready for business. Meanwhile, the sixth graders have to interview the town's elderly residents for a history project. The fine print of the sale paperwork includes the fact that the inn comes complete with ghosts, so Mo and Dale sign up to interview the inn's ghost. Narrator Sheila Turnage affects a Southern drawl for this telling, which is initially off-putting. She de-emphasizes the final consonants so that the reader must adjust the volume to catch every word. But once listeners become attuned to the narrative style, they will be immersed into the setting. While it's a tad long, the story will not disappoint fans of the first book. The characters all grow and learn as the plot develops. The weaving of interviews, moonshining, buried treasure, ghosts, and the quirky Tupelo characters makes for a unique and intriguing story. —•Deb Whitbeck, West Ottawa Public Schools, Holland, MI --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Starred Review More tightly focused than Turnage's Newbery Honor book, *Three Times Lucky* (2012), this absorbing sequel quickly reacquaints readers with the Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, setting and its quirky inhabitants, while introducing a few new characters and another mystery for Mo and her friend Dale (aka the Desperado Detective Agency) to solve. Each question they answer leads to another: Who was the girl whose ghost haunts the dilapidated Old Tupelo Inn, which operated from 1880 to 1938? How did she die? Who killed her? Why does she still haunt the inn? When a sixth-grade history project sends Mo, Dale, and their classmates out to interview elderly residents, the pieces of the puzzle gradually move into place —•with an occasional nudge from the ghost herself. The intrepid Mo LoBeau, who narrates the story, gives full credit to her best buddy, the occasionally trepid Dale, and slowly warms up to Harm, an initially cocky newcomer whose family history is intertwined with the mystery. The portrayal of Dale's attitude toward his father, now in prison, is handled with sensitivity and perceptiveness. Turnage's ability to create convincing characters and her colorful use of language combine to make this a fresh, droll, rewarding return trip to Tupelo Landing. Grades 4-6. --Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Hooray! Mo and Dale are back. Two of the best characters to appear in middle grade literature in a long time, they made their debut in *Three Times Lucky*, one of my favorite books of 2012. I have been waiting for the sequel. *The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing* does not disappoint. Mo is still lovable, spunky and sassy, (but always a courteous sass) and Dale is still apprehensive and methodical.

Together they are an unbeatable team. In the Ghosts of Tupelo Landing, they set out to get rid of the ghosts haunting the old inn just purchased by Miss Lacy and Miss Lana. If the inn is not a success, the women will be broke. Mo cannot let that happen to her adopted grandmother and her adopted mother. While investigating the history of the inn, Mo realizes many people in the small town of Tupelo have long held secrets, and she may not know them as well as she thought she did. She also realizes she does not know Dale as well as she thought she did. Turns out he has been keeping secrets from his best friend. All of the quirky townspeople from Three Times Lucky are back to keep an eye on Mo and keep her from getting in too much trouble. A charming new character is introduced as well. Harm Crenshaw is as sassy as Mo and even smarter. His quick wit turns Mo green with envy. He is the perfect foil for her abundance of confidence. A couple of the secondary plot lines from book one continue in book two and are sure to show up in book three. Can't wait

What can I say? This series has quickly become one of my favorites. The first Mo and Dale Mystery, Three Times Lucky, planted these quirky, loveable characters steadfastly in my heart; it was love at first sentence. The bar was set incredibly high. I didn't think it could be done, but I think this second volume may even surpass its predecessor. The character development is amazing. I am getting to know all the members of this little town better, and what makes each one of them tick. The writing is hilarious, one of the few books that have actually made me laugh out loud, as in true, authentic chortles emanating from my throat at even the most inopportune times, such as when I'm sneaking a chapter in at my kids' T-ball game when they're not at bat. Seriously, I couldn't put this book down! This is only the second series I've read where I easily forgot that it's supposed to be for kids (Harry Potter was the first). The writing is smart and witty, and the writer does an excellent job of revealing plot details through the eyes of the kid narrator so that, even though Mo may not understand fully what is going on, her descriptions are enough to hip the adult reader to certain revelations, such as Miss Rose's emotional journey, or the dynamics of the relationship between the Colonel and Miss Lana. If you aren't reading this series, you should start right now!

Mo and Dale are back ! I just loved their antics in Three Times Lucky and The Ghost of Tupelo Landing doesn't disappoint. The two books can be read separately but read them both. Fast paced, easy to read, a lot of mystery, fun characters. In this one we even add Harm, who fits in pretty good with Mo and Dale. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that Sheila Turnage just might give us a third

story about Mo's adventures. After all, Mo and Dale are only in sixth grade? Plenty of story left while they are growing up. I grew up in a small town and how our imaginations used to get us involved in many adventures. Mo and Dale remind me so much of that time, probably why I love them so much.

I taught elementary school for awhile, long ago. I still read books meant for kids at times. I liked the story. I think I would read this book to kids. There are things in the book that might need some discussion. The characters are interesting and have distinctive quirks. I have ordered the first book. Maybe it will clear up a couple of things that came up in this book.

Well, mostly delightful.....not so frightful! This author weaves a wonderful tale involving 2 best friends, "rising 6th graders," who form their own detective agency when they get impatient for local crimes to be solved. The characters are loveable and eccentric, the writing is excellent, and the story will delight you! This is the 2nd book - be sure to read "Three Times Lucky," too! You won't be disappointed! Sure hope there's a 3rd book in the works! And by the way.....this is for young adults but "old" adults who are young at heart (like me!) will love it, too!

'Three Times Lucky' brought us a unique voice, incredible characters, and a tone that ran the perfect line between murder and fifth grade (who knew that line even existed?!). It's difficult to describe the feeling of being there, rather than watching, and this is even more true in 'Ghosts of Tupelo Landing'. The depth of story behind a 12 yo girl and her best friend trying to discover why a ghost of a girl is haunting a decrepit inn on the outskirts of town is amazing. 11 yo boy, 13 yo boy, and both parents loved it! Can't wait for the next book!!!

Great read with humor, interest and community spirit through the eyes of two rising 6th grade students. I originally got the 1st book in this series, 3 times lucky, for my 12 year old daughter for a book report. She liked it so much I began reading it. Turnage has a super understanding of human relationships creating lovable characters in real situations. My daughter and I are on to the 3rd book.

Sheila Turnage's books are just divine! I have read both of them with my 8-year old daughter and we just love them. They will make you laugh, make you cry and make you fall in love with Mo, Dale and everyone else in Tupelo Landing! I cannot wait to read more of Sheila's books and the adventures of the Desperado Detective Agency! Truly great writing and an excellent read for anyone 8-80!

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