

The Uninvited by J A Baker

3 Stars

Ghostly happenings in an old house.

Faye and Hugh have just bought a very old dilapidated house in a small village where they hope that their dreams of restoring this building to its former glory will bring them and their two children, Aiden and Poppy, years of joy.

They decide to live in the house while renovating, so things like the front and back doors are original and possibly easy to open with or without a key.

When Faye wakes up to feel someone's breath on her she tries to wake Hugh but with no success and when she tells him what happened, he meets her claims as a figment of her imagination. Hugh insists that she return to see the psychologist who she had seen after a breakdown caused by some very serious events prior in the year.

Faye is determined to prove that she's regressing back into the state she was before her breakdown and therefore needs to prove that the threat of someone prowling around their house is real.

I'm a huge fan of JA Baker's books but unfortunately, this one felt like it had been written in a hurry. One of the things I love most about her writing is the characters who fill the pages. Not this time. I loathed Faye. I found her behaviour unbelievable and over-the-top. Hugh wasn't much better and the only character who seemed true, was Poppy. A little girl with deep insight and empathy.

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