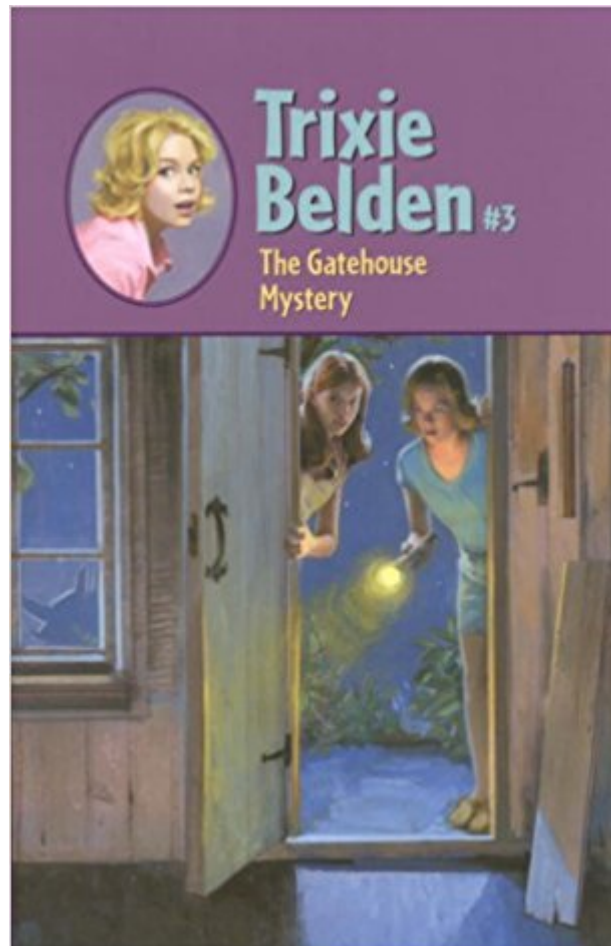




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The Gatehouse Mystery



Synopsis

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Book Information

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Customer Reviews

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In the 1940s Julie Campbell was running her own literary agency when Western Publishing put out a call for talented authors to write mystery series for kids. Julie proposed the Trixie Belden series and wrote the first 6 titles herself. She also started the Ginnie Gordon series and wrote several Cherry Ames books. Julie Campbell died in 1999.

Although I loved Nancy Drew, Ginny Gordon and Judy Bolton, Trixie Belden stories (particularly 1-10) are my favorite girls' series. The Gatehouse Mystery is one of Julie Campbell's (original

creator) stories, which were the very best ones. #3 in the series, *The Gatehouse Mystery* occurs after the girls return from their travels in *The Red Trailer Mystery* and readers for the first time, get to meet Trixie's older brothers, Mart and Brian. Naturally, all the kids get along great and decide to form a club. Well, any club worth its salt needs a clubhouse, right? The girls decide that an old gatehouse on the grounds of the Wheeler estate should be perfect! When Trixie and Honey go down to the gatehouse to clear away all the overgrown foliage, they find... a diamond! Along with evidence that at least two men had some sort of struggle the night before....What follows is exciting and fun and has some of the more memorable "LOL" moments (watch for the discussion about the Wheeler's new gardener, for instance). Campbell had a real knack for creating personalities that just come to life and the Trixie Belden stories she wrote (#1-6) really shine. *The Gatehouse Mystery* is one of the best in series. The artwork portrayed in this edition is newer, but captures the original quite well (the original depicted Trixie and Honey with pruning shears and gardening tools outside the gatehouse).

I read the Trixie Belden as a series when I was a child, so I was thrilled to see these stories reprinted in hardcover for the next generation of mystery readers. Trixie, with her family at Crabapple Farm, gets into all kinds of mystery with her partner, Honey Wheeler. Their friends, the Bob Whites of the Glen, are ever-present at their side. These books make an excellent gift for your second to fourth-grade child or birthday gift. I purchased several of these books to donate to my daughter's classroom.

This series was a favorite in my childhood and my daughters loved these books too. *The Gatehouse Mystery* was one I had never owned, so I was pleased to find this great vintage hardcover for a very reasonable price on . The book was in great shape and my granddaughter loved it!

I was lucky enough to find almost the entire Trixie Belden collection in a box I bought at auction. This one book was all that was missing. If you've never read any of the books, they're truly charming. I'm in my 30's and I still enjoyed them, and I'm sure my children will when they get a little older. In the same vein as Nancy Drew, but much more enjoyable - I always found Nancy to be a bit annoying! Definitely one of those collections that every library should have - for the younger readers, and the younger at heart.

I first read this 50 years ago and I fell in love with Trixie and her friends. The era was dated even

then but the stories and the values are timeless as are the wishes of the young people featured in the stories. It's a good read no matter your age, and I can only hope that kindle will offer the entire series.

Granddaughter, who is 8, loves this series.

Loved it, like new.

Read this series when I was a teen, and am reading them again now to see if it seems juvenile to me or not. Gave away the original hardcovers to a girl that I hope enjoyed them as much as I did. I'm sure they will bring back fond memories. I know a 13-16 yr. old would enjoy this series.

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