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The House That Drac Built

The House That Drac Built

Judy Sierra

Illustrated by Will Hillenbrand.

32 pp. Gulliver/Harcourt 9/95 ISBN, 0-15-200015-1 14.00 (Picture Book)

As the title implies, this cumulative tale borrows from the schematic structure of the popular nursery rhyme "The House That Jack Built" to deliver a few shivers to children searching for Halloween fare. Young audiences are introduced to the bat that lived in the house that Drac built, then to the cat that bit the bat, the werewolf that chased the cat that bit the bat, and so on through "fearsome" manticore, coffin, mummy, zombie, and fiend of Bloodygore, until a knock on the door brings forth a gaggle of costumed children (one of whom is disguised as Dracula, who up till now has been missing from the picture). The children waste no time in setting things to rights: they rewrap the mummy, cage the werewolf, and bandage the bat. Having restored order, they forge ahead once more into the black night, a flashlight's beam leading the way. The oil and pastel illustrations, which offer up such classic Halloween imagery as a haunted house with dead trees and bats fluttering overhead, rise above cliché

because of the dramatic compositions and the skillful use of line and color. The glossy black endpapers give way to deep grays for the outdoor scenes, and then to mottled earth-toned backgrounds suggesting faded old wallpaper for the interior scenes. Visual clues as to what is to come next appear on the edges of the right-hand pages. The skillfully executed artwork adds a zesty dollop of suspense to a familiar story line.

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By Nancy Vasilakis

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_ :

I received your request for reconsideration of the book *The House That Drac Built* by Judy Sierra. I am sorry that you were offended by this book. I have read the book and researched reviews and information about the author.

The author is a children's librarian, storyteller, folklorist, and puppeteer. Some of her books are retellings of traditional folktales or rhymes, such as *The House That Drac Built*. The book received a favorable review in *The Horn Book* magazine, a journal about children's literature. The author reports that she especially likes to revise the classic genres of children's literature in funny and offbeat ways, which also describes *The House That Drac Built*. I did not see any pictures of Satan in the book. There are two illustrations of a character called a "fiend." I'm sorry if you found these objectionable. Many readers just see an odd-looking, scary Halloween character in those illustrations.

The other public libraries in the area also carry *The House That Drac Built*. Wright Library is not out of line with what local libraries have available for their patrons. We will be keeping the book in our collection.

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Sincerely,

Ann Snively  
Director