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A short story prequel set in the thrilling world of Anya Allyn's *The Dark Carousel*. This free story also includes five chapters of *DOLLHOUSE*, the first book in the bestselling horror series tinged with gothic romance. (less)

A hidden mansion. A silent carousel. Missing girls.

Hunted by her uncle, a thirteen-year-old girl flees into the woods and stumbles into a secret world of nightmarish horrors: a basement full of life-size toys and kidnapped girls forced to dress as dolls — a place where escape only exists in dreams.

In the days before she knew a toy box could be a place of dread; before her hair was curled in ringlets and her lips were painted red; before she forgot her name — she was Molly Parkes.

Thirteen Details

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Yani Daniele says

una mini historia de introducción a algo que pinta ser muy atrapante. En pocas páginas logró mantenerme en vilo y a la espera de lo que pasaba. Cada capítulo esta narrado desde el punto de vista de uno de los personajes, y de esta forma nos adentramos en lo que será Casa de muñecas.

Bryan Steven says

Me encantó! Esta mini historia va cargada de un misterio que siempre te deja queriendo más mientras te vas adentrando a lo que será la historia en la Casa de Muñecas, me gusta la oscuridad que se presenta y el hecho de que algo simple -o no tanto- se puede convertir en una pesadilla, creo que se vislumbran cosas por venir para Molly Parkes y estaré encantado de leerlas. A mí personalmente me encanta esta nota de oscuridad/drama/terror porque te mantienen absorto en la lectura, simplemente me encantó!

Shahna says

Clumsily written. A lot of paragraphs had repeating words, I found myself tripping over them while reading.

and... If she was caught shop lifting pads and toothpaste because she couldn't afford them, how did she pay for two bus tickets and a tent? eh? Plot holes!

There is potential. It's an interesting concept and I do want to read the actual series. I just think this mini story needed more fine tuning.

L.L. Hunter says

This was a fast paced look at what happened before Molly came to be in the Dollhouse. Now I don't know much about the world yet as I am just starting Dollhouse, but it sounds alluring. Recommend if you want a bit more background story.

Allison says

Creepy. Suspenseful. Weird. An interesting enough story line to make me want to read the next book. I don't normally read horror type books but this had me intrigued enough to want to continue the story.

Tina says

I haven't read any of the Dark Carousel series yet, but this intrigued me, so I thought I would start with it. After getting a feel for the setting and the tone, I can safely say that I will be picking up the first book in the series for sure. Though this was really too short for me to write a proper review, Anya Allyn was able to paint a creepy, addictive story.

Elaine Carass says

Very short, and didn't really add much. But a good introduction to what could be a great series

Evey says

I forgot to add this one for some unknown reason. I read it some time ago, and I remember I enjoyed it quite a lot. Dark Carousel's saga has been a great discovering for me.

Hailey says

just a taste

What a great taste of what's to come. We have now met Molly, she had to run because she cared for Polly. Her Uncle was bad, now there's a man who is mad and little Molly has been turned into a Dolly. Can't wait to read Dollhouse!

Leslie Fisher says

Really good (but short) story, which keeps you on the edge of your seat. Few stories that are this short feel very well-developed, but this one does. I think the story itself is only around 20 pages, then goes into the first five chapters of the next book (which I didn't read, since I own the next book in its entirety). I'm anxious for the next book in the series because this novella really got me hooked on the series.

Rena says

It was ok for a short story. I'm not 100% sure if I'll read the novel, this didn't grab me enough to do it urgently.

Angela says

Wow!!! This novella is Amazing! One of my favorites! I got SO sucked into this world that I couldn't get enough of it. I have already purchased the first book "Dollhouse" and the prequel "Paracosm: Bleath: The Hauntings". The books are so good that I will be buying the rest and enjoying every minute of them! :-D

Soraya Bowie says

I really liked this and even though I knew it was short it still ended for too quickly. Could have gone over 100 pages a little and Explored Molly's early days in the dollhouse in my opinion. I love this series and have read all four books. This was free and I did like what I got, just wish there was more.

Gayle Noble says

"Hunted by her uncle, a thirteen-year-old girl flees into the woods and stumbles into a secret world of nightmarish horrors: a basement full of life-size toys and kidnapped girls forced to dress as dolls — a place where escape only exists in dreams."

Short prequel to 'Dollhouse' by this author. It was indeed very short and ended just as I was really getting into it. I don't feel that I would have missed anything if I had not read it tbh. Rating: 3 stars.

Brenda says

Molly Parkes crept out to the garage where she could hear her cat, Polly mewling in distress. Her delight at the sight of the new born kittens was tempered by her wariness should her uncle find her out in the garage at 4am. Suddenly she heard a car; when her uncle and another man entered the garage she tried to hide – but what she heard in those few minutes caused her to flee in terror.

Little did Molly know that this was only the beginning of the most terrifying time in her life – with her mother gone, she had no-one. She had no idea what was happening; no idea where she was or why she was in the place she was...

This very short story is the prequel to book 1, *Dollhouse* by Aussie author Anya Allyn. I have read the whole series and loved it, so of course grabbed this free story. After the prequel there are a few chapters of *Dollhouse* to take you into the strange world that the author created. If you haven't yet read this series I urge you to – it's amazing! Recommended.
