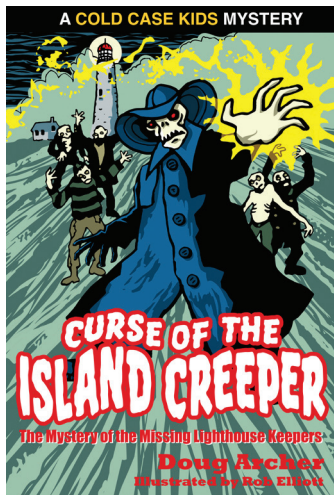


Curse of the Island Creeper - part four of the Cold Case Kids' series

Full disclosure: this month's column is about me. More precisely, it's about the release of my fourth book, *Curse of the Island Creeper – The Mystery of the Missing Lighthouse Keepers*.

But let me step back a moment. Ever since penning my first story in grade three - a spine-tingling tale of giant Tarantulas attacking a small town - I've had a passion for writing. Over the decades I have indulged that passion, crafting hundreds of articles and stories for newspapers and magazines across North America. But that wasn't enough. I had it in my mind to write a book. So when I retired just over a decade ago, I set to work.



The result was *Ghoul's Gold*, the story of three 11-year-olds - known as the Cold Case Kids - who go hunting for treasure on Chantry Island, riches left behind by pirates of the Great Lakes. The book turned out to be a hit! Thousands and thousands of copies sold. I was invited to schools and libraries across the province to give author readings. I did book signings at Chapters and Indigo stores. Before I knew it, readers were even asking for a sequel.

That demand led to the release of the second book in the Cold Case Kids Mystery Series, *Legend of the Phantom Reaper – The Mystery of the Southampton Shipwrecks*. Then came *Dead Man's Tale*. And now, *Curse of the Island Creeper* has just hit stores.

In this fourth book, the Cold Case Kids, Brogan, Brycen, Heather, and now Margot, along with their zombie friend Angus, are thrilled to be spending three fun-filled days at Camp Lighthouse on Chantry Island. Until a mysterious fog rolls in ... and the island is cut off. Then all kinds of strange things begin to happen.

A ghost ship rises from Lake Huron.

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Portrait of a Retiree

Decaying mariners shamble forth from their watery grave. And a cloaked figure emerges out of the fog in search of something long ago lost. The kids soon learn they must solve the mystery of the cloaked figure's

search ... or be trapped on Chantry Island ... forever. Beware the Curse of the Island Creeper!

Although marketed as a novel for readers aged eight to 13, *Curse of the Island Creeper* (like the other three books in the Cold Case Kids Mystery Series) is actually for everyone – because you're never too old for a mystery adventure! So I hope you'll pick up a copy of the book for your kids, your grandkids ... or the kid in you.

Curse of the Island Creeper is now in stores in Port Elgin, the Bruce County Museum and online Amazon.ca or by contacting me directly at archer@bmts.com.

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