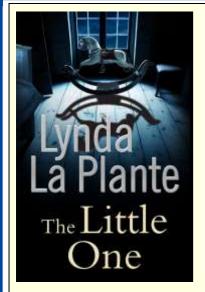
The Little One – Ghost stories



The Little One by Lynda La Plante

About the book

Barbara has broken up with her boyfriend. She is also behind with her rent and has just been fired from her job as a journalist. When she meets reclusive soap star Margaret Reynolds, she thinks her luck has turned.

But Margaret has a secret. What are the strange noises in the night, and who is *The Little One*?

You can read and listen to the first chapter on the Skillswise website: bbc.co.uk/skillswise/learners/quick-reads/adult-learning-article-quick-reads-the-little-one

How do ghost stories create mystery and suspense?

Ghost stories are designed to frighten and surprise the reader. *The Little One* has several features that a reader expects from a ghost story.

Setting: The story is mainly set in a creepy manor house.

Secrets: One character (Margaret) has a secret which another character (Barbara) wants to reveal.

Unexplained events: Barbara becomes aware of unexplained noises and a hidden presence in the house.

A twist in the tale: Barbara's life changes, but perhaps not in the way she – or the reader – expects!

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