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The students at Starhurst are excited about Mrs. Crandall's plans to purchase a piece of property at Moon Lake for a girls' camp. Five girls, including Louise and Jean Dana, earn the privilege of accompanying Mrs. Crandall to the proposed site on a weekend outing. Much to the Danas' dismay, Lettie Briggs makes the trip as well since Mrs. Crandall has promised her parents to look after Lettie while they are away.

The trip proves to be exciting, because the house located on the proposed camp property appears to be haunted. At any rate, someone else is staying in the house inside the locked attic room and only comes out at night when the Starhurst group is asleep.

With difficulty, the girls convince Mrs. Crandall to extend their stay so that the mystery can be solved. If the girls can prove that the proposed camp property is not dangerous, Mrs. Crandall will purchase the property for the school.

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Celine says

Really enjoyed this book! It was complex enough to keep me invested, but not overly so so as to feel too spread out and thin. While I've never read the Parker Sisters before, it had the same nostalgic, mystery feel of Nancy Drew, which I have read. Also, it was wonderful to read a chapter book fully in French without having read it in English before; I became very accustomed to the passe simple.

Stefanie Guay says

Of corse, I enjoyed this book because of it's such juvenile innocent that doesn't really exist now a days.

Mikayla says

A fun, light mystery. I enjoyed that this one didn't really have any 'spooky' scenes, 'cause I get tired of those in kids mystery's.

I'm enjoying working through these old Dana girls and this was one of the better ones.

Kara says

Jean and Louise seemed extra obnoxious in this one. And why, oh why, does Mrs. Crandall indulge them?

Linda says

A mysterious new student who has a secret and sings like a bird plus an adventure in a cottage on secluded Moon Lake makes this an interesting case for the Dana Girls. Mrs. Crandall is thinking on buying property on Moon Lake for a girls' summer camp and takes 4 girls with her. Nasty Lettie is included only because Mrs. Crandall promised her parents, vacationing in Europe, that she would keep an eye on her. The other girls, including the Danas, were invited along because of their scholastic standing. The area is steeped in Native American lore. The group camps out in the 2 story cottage where mysterious things occur and there is, of course, a locked room. This is one of the better Dana Girls books!

Debra says

I loved this series of books that I read back in junior high. They are from the same syndicate that wrote the Nancy Drew books and the Hardy Boys, but I much preferred the Dana Girls.

Sarah Crawford says

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This is a real good book in the series and is rather complex. Lettie plays a major part in the story, I think the most important role she's played yet. She's involved in mysterious doings with some adult guy who the Dana girls don't trust. Another theme is Applecore's getting some money from an inheritance and how she reacts to that. Yet another them involves Mrs. Crandall wanting to buy a place that she can establish a summer camp for girls out. Another theme involves a new girl at Starhurst who seems to be mysterious herself.

That place remains the main focus of the book as the Dana Girls are sure it hides a secret room. There also seems to be someone sneaking around the place. There's as a 'borrowed' horse, a sunken canoe, and stolen research papers.

The entire thing makes for one of the best Dana Girls mysteries yet.
