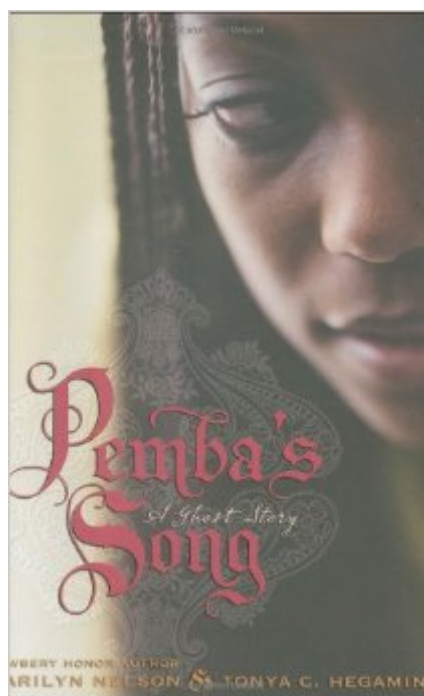


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# Pemba's Song: A Ghost Story



## Synopsis

A Newbery Honor winner collaborates with a new writer in this hip-hop-inspired historical thriller.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Pemba is a young girl who only has her mother now. Her father passed away, and so they moved away from her friends in Brooklyn to an old colonial house in Colchester, Connecticut. There is a very strange old man named Abraham here, and Pemba thinks he is the crazy one - but she isn't so sure about herself anymore. Pemba and a slave girl from the 18th-century, Phyllis, become intertwined, and Phyllis visits Pemba in a supernatural way. These visits change both girls in many different ways. I recommend PEMBA'S SONG for anyone who loves a great supernatural story. It is a new twist on the paranormal. It isn't the conventional, cookie-cutter ghost story, but one of mystery, friendship, freedom, and truth. This is a great book to read and almost gives you a new understanding of what people have went through and the limits of true friendship. Read it! It's a nice change in paranormal and supernatural stories! Reviewed by: Shyanne

What a wonderful ghost story! Pemba's lyrics and visions, her connection with the ghost in the old New England house she and her mother have come to live in, are just exquisite. I love the connection she makes with the past; I love how slippery reality can be as Pemba slips into visions

and memories that aren't hers- and I love that she knows she's not crazy- that she perseveres in finding out the house's secret, no matter what. I just love this book!

Purchased the book for my 10 year old to take an AR test on (in school). She told me she liked the book so much that she read half of it in one day. May be appropriate for a 9 year old given the length of the book.

It's so hard for me to pick books that my 13 year old twin granddaughters will enjoy, but this was a winner. Ghost stories seem to hit the right buttons and this one was a quick and fun read for them.

Pemba's Song is a story about a girl named Pemba who discovers a special gift: She sees ghosts. In the beginning of the book we are introduced to Pemba and her mother. Pemba is upset with her mom, because she is moving her away from Brooklyn and her friends to a small town in Connecticut where her mom was offered a great job and an opportunity for a fresh start. Pemba and her mother meet a strange man named Abraham who lives at the local library. She soon befriends this man and helps him with some local research. She soon discovers that the little town and the new house (or should I say old house) they live in holds lots of secrets and one of them is the ghost of a slave girl named Phyllis who lived in the house in the late 1700's. Phyllis begins to visit Pemba in supernatural ways, asking her to help her bring justice to two unsolved murders that occurred there.... I recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a good ghost story. At the end of the book we learn that the writers of the book indeed met a man by the name of Abraham who inspired this book and its history. So I thought that was pretty cool ^-^

This story is a good story. It's about a girl named Pemba. Her father passes away and she needs to move to Connecticut. She is very angry at her mother because she separated her friends from her and that's not fair to her and her friends. They move in to a new house (old house). This guy named Abraham, who lives in the library, comes and welcomes them into the new town. Then he tries to invite Pemba to go to the library and research about the African-American culture, and people and how they were separated and things like that. Soon Pemba finds out that she has a strength in seeing ghosts. In the library she finds out that the house that she's living in is an old house and that it contains many secrets. One of those secrets is a ghost living in her house.

This is a re-read! So good. Love sharing it with my students!!!

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