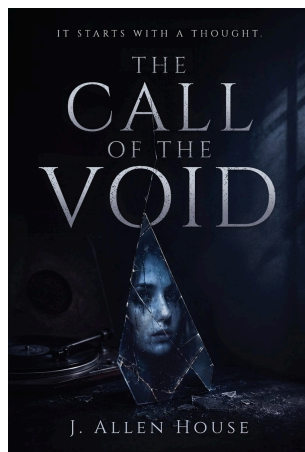




THE CALL OF THE VOID

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It starts with a thought.

GENRE	Psychological horror
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ABOUT THE BOOK

In 1956, a lonely girl named Evelyn Harrow is locked away inside Black Vale Asylum, where no one comes looking for her. Decades later, a dare sends a teenage boy into Black Vale's abandoned halls. Days later, he's dead, ruled a suicide.

Liv doesn't believe it. She and her friends go back inside for answers, and something follows them home. Thoughts that aren't hers begin slipping out loud. Dark impulses spread through the group like a contagion. As the line between thought and action collapses, paranoia takes hold and no one can trust their own mind. Every answer leads deeper into Black Vale's buried history and the girl it locked away.

A slow-burn, atmospheric psychological horror novel about intrusive thoughts, grief, and a close-knit group of teens coming apart. It's built on creeping dread more than gore.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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WHAT READERS ARE SAYING

"THIS is the kind of psychological horror I've been craving." Vikki Spencer, NetGalley

"A sense of dread just stays draped over you like a heavy blanket throughout the entire book." Sarah Snyder, NetGalley

"I felt the sadness, loneliness, and dread of the place deep in my bones." Pav Sanborn, NetGalley librarian

"I stared at the wall for a solid ten minutes." Chloe Anne, NetGalley

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Content note: deals with suicide, intrusive thoughts and grief.