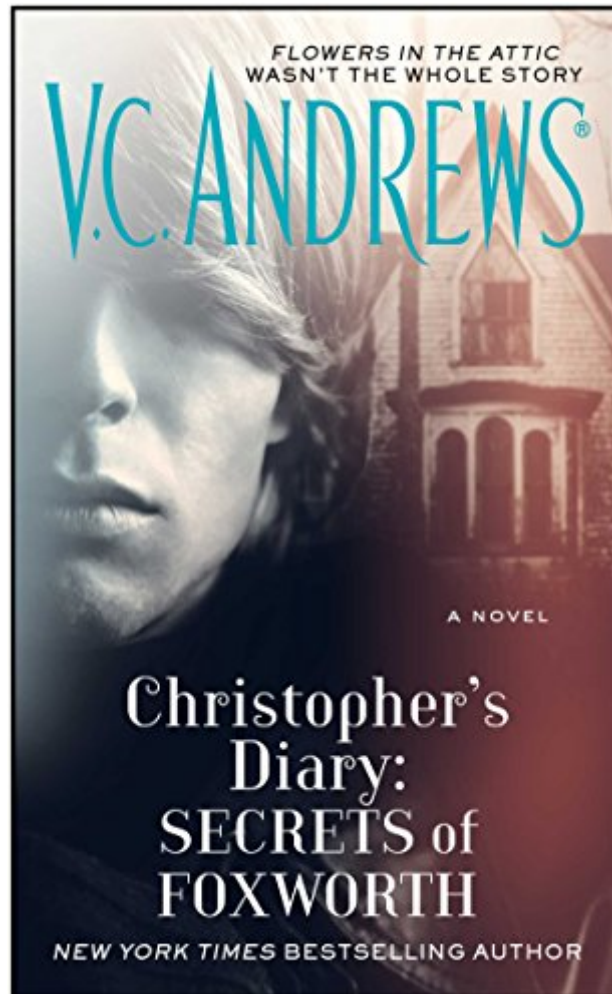


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Christopher's Diary: Secrets Of Foxworth (The Diaries Series Book 1)



Synopsis

Jealousy, tragedy, survival, and revenge—the discovery of Christopher’s diary in the ruins of Foxworth Hall brings new secrets of the Dollanganger family to light and obsesses a new generation. With *Flowers in the Attic* and *Petals on the Wind* both now major Lifetime TV events, this first new addition to the Dollanganger story in nearly thirty years is a timely look at the events in the attic—from teenage Christopher’s point of view. And don’t forget to preorder the follow-up, *Christopher’s Diary: Echoes of Dollanganger!* Christopher Dollanganger was fourteen when he and his younger siblings—Cathy and the twins, Cory and Carrie—were locked away in the attic of Foxworth Hall, prisoners of their mother’s greedy inheritance scheme. For three long years he kept hope alive for the sake of the others. But the shocking truth about how their ordeal affected him was always kept hidden—until now. Seventeen-year-old Kristin Masterwood is thrilled when her father’s construction company is hired to inspect the Foxworth property for a prospective buyer. The once grand Southern mansion still sparks legends and half-truths about the four innocent Dollanganger children, even all these decades later. Foxworth holds a special fascination for Kristin, who was too young when her mother died to learn much about her distant blood tie to the notorious family. Accompanying her dad to the forbidden territory, they find a leather-bound book, its yellowed pages filled with the neat script of Christopher Dollanganger himself. Her father grows increasingly uneasy about her reading it, but as she devours the teen’s story page by page, his shattering account of temptation, heartache, courage, and betrayal overtakes Kristin’s every thought. And soon her obsession with the doomed boy crosses a dangerous line |

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To date, over 70 books have been published under the VCA name. Out of these, only eight were actually written/completed by VCA herself, and four more were started by her but she died before she could complete her manuscripts. So this means that not half, not even a third, or a quarter, or even a seventh of these books actually had any of VCA's writing in them.'The newer books have been poorly received, and no wonder - crap with vampires, ghosts, crazy over the top abusive grandparents, stereotypes, misogyny, poor research, and so on make the ghostwriter's writing one godawful mess. He and the publishers have disrespected the VCA Legacy so many times, and for what? Money. The greed with which the VCA Legacy has been handled is simply astounding. I've never seen so many books ghostwritten under one name, at least not without that author's approval, and hwy, a dead woman can't argue, right? Poor VCA is without a doubt spinning in her grave right now at this book. The original Dollanganger series is considered a classic (even if trashy pulp fiction by some people) and has endured in the world of literature. After the failures of the recent books, the publishers and ghostwriters have finally decided to exploit the books that made VCA so famous by "adding" to the Dollanganger series with this travesty. There are so many things that don't make sense. Kristin's mother is third cousin to Malcolm Foxworth. I know that there can be quite an age gap between cousins, but come on, this is ridiculous. Did Neiderman not research on how genealogy works? It would have made more sense for like, Kristin's great-grandmother to be Malcolm's third cousin, things line up more that way.

Warning: this is NOT Christopher's Diary. It's snippets of a diary written by Christopher and read by a distant relative of the Foxworths. The book is ABOUT a new character who finds the diary. She only reads a bit- not even getting as far as Christmas the 1st year. It's nice to hear Chris's perspective but just when it gets good, we go back to the girl who found it & her life. The sequel is due in the Spring and it's easy to figure what the author is doing. The timeline also seems screwed up. We know Chris and Cathy were taken to Foxworth Hall in 1960. We know their ages. We know,

reading all the books that Cathy's son, Bart, rebuilt it & Cathy died in last book. That would be about 2007, if we add right. But they refer in this book to Bart as an old crazy man. There's also the HUGE hole of Cathy's "books" mentioned in If There Be Thorns. The details just don't gel. The people of the area don't know much about the 4 kids held in the attic except rumor, but wouldn't her books have been published? And Bart shouldn't be old yet & no one mentions Jory or the party where he was paralyzed...too much left unsaid & unknown. The new character is a girl, related to them through her dead mother. One wonders if she is Bart's lovechild or if Christopher had a kid we don't know of, or if she just is related to them from afar. But it can't be that easy. The book reads okay but it's hard not to skim through to read Chris's words. It's way too short. I waited a long time for this book and was disappointed to know we weren't reading the diary ourselves. I understand needing this character but she's most of the book! I hope the sequel is better at balancing the 2, and deals more in facts and details. And the stupidity of the villagers not recalling the big party Bart threw in Seeds of Yesterday is nuts.

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