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Review of *The Bell Witch Unveiled at Last!*

All of my life, I have heard the story of the infamous Bell Witch of current day Adams, Tennessee. I have heard the story many times and in many different ways, but the most prevalent factor in all stories is that Kate (Cate) Batts was the cause of the “witching” and that she was solely responsible for sending old John Bell to his maker. So, when I learned of the book, *The Bell Witch Unveiled at Last* by D.J. Lyons, it was like a breath of fresh air. The book’s sole purpose- to give a voice to the disenfranchised Cate Batts, who has been a whipping post for far too long. The book brings the legend to life in a very interesting way- through the words of Cate Batts herself.

The book paints a image of Batts that the reader can now associate with the legend. Cate Batts is no longer a faceless feature, but made alive by Lyons to tell her own tale, and by doing so, discloses the true identity of the mysterious Bell Witch.

Hold on to your pants, reader, because Cate Batts will take you for a ride back in time, to the small town of Adams, Tennessee and the home of the Bell Witch!

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