Christmas reading for kids who love secret rooms and ghostly corridors

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‘Anne of Athelhampton and the Riddle of the Apes’ is set in an ancient Dorset manor that kids can visit to follow the clues for themselves

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Christmas reading for kids who love to discover dark passages and secret doors! And a house they can explore to bring the story to life.

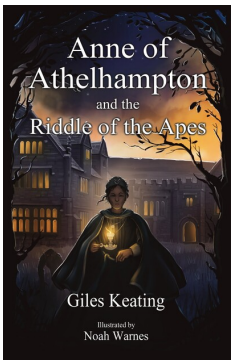
Why has Anne been given a pet ape, Endy, as a twelfth birthday gift from her grasping cousin, Young John? Can she solve the riddle before he uses it to accuse their grandmother of harbouring a priest and of witchcraft? Anne and friends Lizzie and Robert search for clues hidden in the walls of her home. Only to discover that she herself is Young John’s target, and that her struggle will lead her into mortal danger…

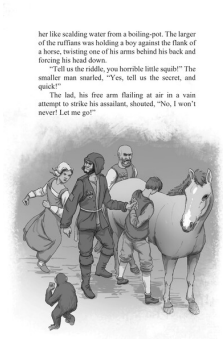
Author Giles Keating said:
“Every single one of the clues that Anne finds are still there, in the 500-year old manor at Athelhampton! So kids can visit and find them for themselves – and discover where they lead to, just as Anne does in the book.”

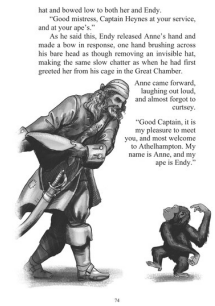
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“Anne of Athelhampton and the Riddle of the Apes” by Giles Keating, illustrated by Noah Warnes, 263 pages, is

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her like scalding water from a boiling-pot. The larger of the ruffians was holding a boy against the flank of a horse, twisting one of his arms behind his back and forcing his head down.
“Tell us the riddle, you horrible little squib!” The smaller man snarled, “Yes, tell us the secret, and quick!”
The lad, his free arm flailing at air in a vain attempt to strike his assailant, shouted, “No, I won’t never! Let me go!”


hat and bowed low to both her and Endy.
“Good mistress, Captain Heynes at your service, and at your ape’s.”
As he said this, Endy released Anne’s hand and made a bow in response, one hand brushing across his bare head as though removing an invisible hat, making the same slow chatter as when he had first greeted her from his cage in the Great Chamber.
Anne came forward, laughing out loud, and almost forgot to curtsey.
“Good Captain, it is my pleasure to meet you, and most welcome to Athelhampton. My name is Anne, and my ape is Endy.”

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