

# The Bookish\* Newsletter!

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*Check out updates on my good reads progress, upcoming titles, lists, and reviews.*



✦4.8 STARS✦

## [Latest ARC Review] Credenza

Wendy Dalrymple [HORROR, FICTION]

Thank you to Net Galley and Quill & Crow Publishing for this title.

This story is a quick read, clocking in at 199 pages. You could knock this out in an afternoon 📖. Credenza is creepy as hell, and you get a good bit of information from the prologue that briefly explains the tree that this cursed credenza hails from.

Our protagonist (single mom), Veronica, is trying to keep her online antique business thriving while raising her daughter, Star. Star's father is only beginning to step back into the picture as he's clean, sober, and ready to be a part of her life.

## “A delicious quick read, indeed”.

I like this character. She runs her own business, owns a home, and while things are not perfect, she's making it work. I admire her hustle. Veronica is also grieving her recently deceased grandmother, Maddie, who raised her. Towards the end, Maddie had dementia, but Veronica still took the time to visit her with Star and make memories. She struggles without her. Veronica's mother, Karen, is out of the picture and has been since she was two years old.

There is a reason Veronica's mother, Karen, has stayed away, but after her mother's death, she reaches out to Veronica about the credenza, pleading with her to get rid of it. As a child, she heard voices from the cabinet, but no one believed her. It only got worse after Star was born.

It was interesting to learn (not just the origins of the wood to make the credenza) but the reason behind why it was created, what it was used for, and the group of women who were tasked with protecting it.

This cabinet (throughout the years) would bring on mysterious beheadings, poisonings, and other deaths 🕒. The best is saved for the last 15 pages of the story, and I usually would be mad at waiting so long, but the short story builds the tension, and some things are better left to the very end.

# More Updates & Reading Progress!

## Upcoming Horror Novella

Spooky season isn't always the time to commit to a 300-page read, so why not pick up this upcoming novella that promises chills in a bite-sized package?

### THE FILM YOU ARE ABOUT TO SEE

Haley Newlen

(October 14, 2025)

**HORROR, NOVELLA**



It's 1959 in a rural Indiana town, and the local drive-in is hosting their first-ever Dusk Til Dawn Spooktacular!

And they've got a Percepto surprise in store for the audience, complete with vomit bags, nurses on staff, and a hearse parked just beneath the monsters onscreen. But June has a strange sense about things. Always has. And as the screams spread through the parking lot, reality and theatrics begin to blur for her and her friends. Is it just a gimmick, or is something lurking amongst the moviegoers?

## ✦ Currently Reading ✦

📖 Don't Fear The Reaper, Stephen Graham Jones

📖 Come Closer, Sara Gran

📖 The Word is Murder, Anthony Horowitz

## COMPLETED TILES FOR SEPTEMBER!

Bury Your Gays, Chuck Tingle

The Family Remains, Lisa Jewell

## Good Reads Challenge Progress

I DID IT! 🎉...29 OUT OF 28 BOOKS READ!

But it doesn't end there. Now I get to go off-script and just read everything if find interesting.

104% {29/28}

## ARC TITLES IN THE QUEUE



## BOOK SOURCES



BookTrib [<https://booktrib.com/>]

Good Reads [<https://www.goodreads.com/>]

Book Riot [<https://bookriot.com/>]

NPR [<https://www.npr.org/books/>]

Literary Hub [<https://lithub.com/>]

Booktrovert [<https://booktrovert.com/>]

Fable [<https://fable.co/>]

## October Reading Challenge!

*"Read a book about a haunted house."*

Stay tuned for more reading updates.

