

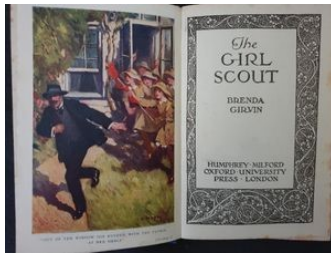
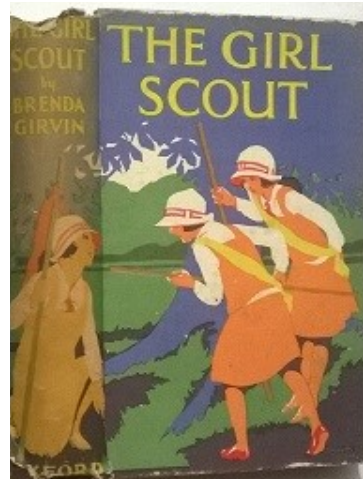
# Ripping Reads No 39 November 2021



*The Girl Scout* by Brenda Girvin  
by Alexia Beale

I have just finished reading this book and I think it is worth a review. The title of this book gives the impression that it is a book promoting that girls can be scouts as well as boys and indeed that is what the heroine, Aggie, sets out to do, but not in the way that I was expecting. Instead of a serious tale about a Girl Scout showing resourcefulness *et cetera* (like other stories I have read before – for example *Jill, Lone Guide* by Ethel Talbot), Aggie and her patrol seem to be making all sorts of blunders.

The story is of a burglary and the hunt for clues, both by the Panthers, Aggie's brother Peter's Scout Patrol, and also by Aggie's secret patrol of Girl Scouts. The events that



follow appear quite ridiculous and unrealistic when analysed; however, the way they are intertwined is ingenious. The events and their consequences are displayed in turn through the eyes of Aggie's patrol, their rivals, Peter's patrol and also through the eyes of the two men who are lodging nearby.

The way the movements of these three separate groups link together is remarkable. The varying points of view quickly becomes humorous.

This book makes for a very enjoyable and funny read, and the ending joins together all the pieces nicely, providing a more grown-up side to Aggie.

