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This is the firsthand account of what Tony and Debra Pickman and their newborn son Taylor experienced in the now notorious Sallie House, from the day they moved in to the turn-of-the-century haunted house until they finally fled in terror. The story of the Sallie House and the fire-starting ghost girl who haunted it has sparked endless rumors and theories of murder, cover-ups, racism, and abuse. But the Pickmans know the real story because they lived it--and barely made it out alive.

Now, for the first time, Tony and Debra reveal untold stories from their ordeal. They describe Sallie's seemingly protective fascination with their baby, and tell what it was like to live with menacing entities that scratched, bit, and terrorized their family. Along with historical research, the Pickmans share personal photographs and journal entries from their time spent living in the nightmare house that still haunts them today.

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Jo Ann says

Not scary, just wack-o.

Honestly, I'm not sure how this haunting became so famous. I've read much creepier stuff on the internet. Don't waste your time.

Rebecca McNutt says

These so-called "true haunted house cases" books are never what they claim to be, but *The Sallie House Haunting* has a few surprises and gripping little bits of history and emotional parts that make it more likeable than most. This book wasn't bad, and I really enjoyed it.

Wellred_2 says

Intriguing book. This came out before all of the Ghost Hunting shows came on to network and cable TV. This book told the true story of a family that thought they only had one little girl ghost living with them, when it turned out that they had another darker energy there as well.

I noticed that this edition was missing several words throughout the text or that the words were switched around. So I found myself adding words so it made sense, maybe this is the real meaning of ghost writing.

Graham Meehan says

This is a good book written by the person that experienced the haunting. It is detailed and interesting, not too scary, more unsettling. If your looking for a well written first hand account of a haunting this is a good book to read.

Al-hora says

I bought this book to read on my holidays. I became so engrossed with the story that I had actually completed it in 2 days (well, it was raining so no point site-seeing - lol)

I liked the honest approach of the authors concerning 'Sallie', which was written in the first tense. There was no pretence that they knew what it was, only that they did not fear it rather embraced the idea of having a 'spirit child' amongst them.

The writing style was clear and simple, refraining from flowering up the plot, or sensationalism. Yes, there were a few editorial blunders such as confusion over which year they were talking about that had me scratching my head a bit. But by no means was this book the worst I've ever read in the spelling or grammatical error department. Any errors certainly did not detract from the story.

The story starts when the couple move into the house. Problems seemed to manifest itself with the birth of their son. Something in the house did not seem to like the idea of a baby around, and I don't believe it was `Sallie', rather it was more akin to another entity residing there, which was far more sinister.

The idea of being able to communicate with `Sallie' - or even wanting to for that matter - was certainly unusual. One side of me embraced that idea but I did find myself worrying for Debra because, despite her curiosity, she really did not appear to have any clue on how to protect herself from psychic attack. That is when this kind of thing becomes a dangerous game.

I would have liked to have seen more of the husbands experiences entwined within the story rather than just a short note at the end. It was curious why the author did not do that - baring in mind that whilst Debra was conversing with `Sallie' her husband was getting all kinds of demonic interaction from another entity.

It is also a shame that there was never any real closure on this story. After a number of visits from paranormal investigators and the TV program, the family simply packed their bags and left, leaving the nastiness behind for someone else to deal with. Why the local priest was never called in, nor even considered as far as I can tell, was beyond me. The Shaman lady did her best but I'm not convinced she had much of a clue as to what she was dealing with either.

On the whole this was a good book to read and I would recommend it based on its honesty, even if naivety as to the dangers of the spirit realms was prominent.

Silk Senses says

It was fascinating witnessing how manipulative demons are!

Since the start I knew it was demonic & I believe its better if u guys knew that before starting the book as it was interesting to see how manipulative demons are & how they made the author feel like they were an innocent little girl!!! I could almost see them in the corner laughing at her while she got gifts & cared for Sallie. We also didn't really need to know every little activity the ghosts did, it made the book long & boring. If u got bored, jusr skip to the end & read the husband point of view & it will all make sense. Demons have a ton of patience & they work really slow but incredibly powerful! Be careful guys!

Kimberly says

A quick read. It was very entertaining and interesting. I'm used to hearing scary stories, so it wasn't scary to me, but it might be scary to other people. It's an extremely haunted house with a lot of activity within days and weeks of each other. The show Sightings featured them a few times. I was surprised to hear this because I remember seeing that show when I was a kid. To this day I remember seeing the scratches form on Tony's body as the camera was rolling. The burnt rose on the windowsill also made an impression on me because I remember that as well. Those two things scared me the most from that show because I don't remember much

else that went on besides something happening with a teddy bear.

The Sallie House was touted as the most haunted house in America.

Abigail says

4 spooky stars ????

Boy oh boy did I make a mistake In not starting this book earlier in the day, I finished this after dark and I'm a chicken. Now all my lights are on and my trusty dog by my side. This was so Immersive and so real feel. I'm honestly spooked. Also intrigued. I'm planning on watching the tv show episodes where they investigated this house, tomorrow that is.

Shannon says

Not well written and not very interesting. Near the end, the husband's experiences are vaguely described; if the author would have focused more on what was happening with him, the book would have been a much more interesting read.

Caroline Mitchell says

I was drawn to this book in a search for answers, due to experiencing paranormal events in my home. Debra documents this case well, and I read this book in a couple of days as I could not put it down. There are lots of twists and turns, and I without spoiling the story, I totally understand why Debra felt the need to trust the ghost and try to live with it. Unless you have experienced such a thing, that aspect is hard for most to understand.

However human nature makes us want to believe the best in people (and ghosts!) and that they don't really want to harm us or are misunderstood. Unfortunately we can never tell with such things as their behaviour is so erratic, luring you in one day, then terrifying you the next. I note previous reviewers have said they would have liked more closure, but writing non fiction is incredibly difficult, and you have to be honest to the story. This is something I also encountered. I also note the book could do with some proofreading, but this does not detract from the story and is down to the publishers who should have given it a final polish, rather than Debra, as given this is her first book, she has done well to put it all together and document such a heartfelt account. I would love to see a follow up book to this story. I would also like to add that when our paranormal problems began I contacted Debra for advice, and she was very genuine and thoughtful. I believe her story and recommend it to others interested in true paranormal.

Ella says

I love how she actually talked about the activity and mentioned that she wrote the book to help others who have experienced the supernatural. I was sad to learn that they think Sallie had been a demonic energy all along :(

Chris says

I remember watching the Sightings updates on this haunting back in the 90s and found it to be one of the most disturbing paranormal cases I had ever heard of. It remains that to this day and the book takes you right into the middle of one family's mounting terror. I absolutely could not read this at night!

milou ✧ says

That house is definitely haunted by a little demon girl named Sallie. The stories from the people who lived in the house are truly terrifying. Also the evidence of the scratches that the man received are really compelling to proof the demon's existence.

Sallie wants to play

Beth says

This book was not well-written and there are only 2 of the photos included. Experiences were somewhat interesting but not overall presented well.

Sanfordgrant says

This felt like a true account of what they went through. I like the conclusions the author draws from her experience.
