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A collection of stories that are not just campfire lore - these ghosts are real! In a fully up to date version, this collection provides over 100 genuine eyewitness accounts of hauntings, from all around the world and right up to the present day. These sightings could be from any suburb or hometown, and covers the full spectrum of credible hauntings. Also included are notes and essays by Robert Graves, Edgar Cayce, and M. R. James, a full bibliography and list of useful resources to bring out the believer in you.

## **The Mammoth Book of True Hauntings Details**

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### James Perkins says

This book is mostly a collection of eyewitness accounts, including reports from ghost hunters, famous actors and writers who have had supernatural experiences, and a long list of other stories from more unknown individuals. Many of the tales were interesting, some were entertaining, and a few were just plain dull. A lot of the literature on supernatural subjects is absolute rubbish, and you have to pick and choose to find writing of quality. I bought this book on the basis of the editor's reputation, but I'm not sure it is nearly as good as it could have been. The cover promises much: for starters, its by-line refers to modern-day hauntings, although the book starts in the year 1900; since it was published in 2008, this is hardly modern-day. It would have been better to define the time frame as "twentieth-century", since it stops its reporting in 2000. Then our amiable editor Mr Haining tries to pack in far too much. Unfortunately, each part suffers from neglect as he attempts to be comprehensive but cannot really cover everything in a tome of manageable size. Each section could have warranted a book in itself, especially the "A-Z of Ghosts" at the end, most of which were not mentioned elsewhere in the text (so I'm wondering why it was included). The book feels as if it was tacked together in a hurry and is a fat, disappointing volume, without even an index to make searching much easier. Published the year after his death, it's a pity Mr Haining is not around to create a better, updated edition.

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### Lady Book Voodoo & Hoodoo Review says

love stories like this

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### Tamara says

It was good but took me forever to get through. Lots of the stories I didn't enjoy. Seemed to drag on

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### Deanne says

Really enjoyed this book, lots of stories from around the world. Though the majority are from the UK. I particularly liked the chapters which concerned journalists and writers. Find ghost stories fascinating and it's christmas.

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### C says

Kind of boring i ended up skimming most of the stories. The description sounded a lot better than it actually was.

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### **Bobby says**

I love reading about hauntings, but the lack of uniformity in the entries as well as the many stories which weren't actually about haunting ensured that this took me days to read.

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### **Kirsty says**

I didn't even read the whole thing, just skimmed to passages that interested me.

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### **Artemis says**

I read this whole book in 2 days! It's fun to read but I'm not gonna bother to re-read it unless I read it to my friends while camping by the night fire

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### **Tara says**

I've been reading this in an out-of-order, bit-by-bit way. I am not fond of the format but I haven't gotten around to selecting my next "real" read so this is good enough to go to sleep by for now. :)

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### **West Paranormal says**

Interesting real ghost stories from 1900's up mostly set in England including some fictional ghost stories by some famous authors. Near the end of the book they talk about some ghost theories.

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### **Stephen Osborne says**

This was a tough one, because a lot of it was extremely interesting...but it seemed for every good piece there was one that was dull or left you going "Really? That was good enough to get into the book?" It could almost be called The Mammothly Padded Book of True Hauntings. Some good stuff to be found here...but you have to get past the snoozers.

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### **Morgan says**

Summary:

This book contains a collection of ghost encounters that span from the early 1900's till the mid 2000's. There are nine different categories that the author has separated the hauntings into. The first is a chronological collection of various ghost stories that occurred between 1900 and 2000. The stories in this section tend to be blurbs that don't go into much detail but they do illustrate how the ghost story evolved over time.

The second section of the book covers the experiences of ghost hunters and goes into detail of their experiences and their efforts to expose those that were tricking the public. The third section covers aviation based ghost stories that mainly deal with events that happened during and after World War 2. The fourth section of the book deals with ghostly the encounters of journalists and much like section on ghost hunters, their efforts to reveal those that sought to deceive the public. The fifth, sixth and seventh sections cover supernatural tales from actors, authors, and those who had rather personal encounters with ghosts. Section eight contains essays on the nature of ghosts and the final section, nine, contains an A to Z list of different types of entities along with various terms that are explained and defined.

#### My Thoughts:

This book was a little different than I thought it would be when I picked it up. This is not a book that really lends itself to being sat down and read in long stretches unless the reader is really interested in the subject. While the book is interesting and covers a broad period of time, quite a few of the stories are written very dryly. While this is the way they were written originally, by those that were trying to be scientific in their presentation, the style doesn't really lend to a interesting read and can get in the way of the story. Good if you are hunting ghosts or are studying the paranormal.

Bad if the reader, like me, just wants to know the background of incidents and what happened during the different encounters. Despite that the book does a good job of presenting how the attitude toward the paranormal evolved over a century or so into what it is today. I would recommend this book to anyone that is interested in learning more about the early modern history of paranormal investigation and how it evolved over time to how it is covered today. Just be prepared to drink some coffee when going through certain parts.  
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#### **Kathy says**

I kind of thought it would be spookier or at least more informative than it turned out to be. It was a (mostly uncommented) collection of facts and newspaper clippings, plus a few more detailed experiences. Not 'scary story' enough to make your skin crawl, not documentary enough to enlighten you. Meh.

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#### **julianne says**

Oh my lord, if you have insomnia (like me) read this and your problem will be solved. Tedious, repetitive and mind numbingly boring. I expected so much more from it but it made every detail dull and tedious. I'm hoping the non true books in this series will be an improvement but let's face it they can't be any worse.

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#### **Kim Canich says**

Decent; thumbed through it, having read a lot of these stories as a kid. this would be good for a first-timer.

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