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Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Ghosts, but Were Too Afraid to Ask

From a very young age James Van Praagh was aware of a dimension that most of us cannot see, and he has dedicated his life to explaining it to the rest of us. The *New York Times* bestseller *Ghosts Among Us* takes us on an incredible journey into the spirit world that brings to light one of our greatest mysteries—what happens to us after we die?

## Ghosts Among Us Details

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## From Reader Review Ghosts Among Us for online ebook

### Margaret says

Not a bad little memoir of being a medium.

Much the same as others of the genre, but James Van Praagh has a comfortable and entertaining writing style.

Good way to fill in a quiet afternoon.

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### Ash says

I have yet to finish this, I made it about 3/4ths of the way. At first I was very impressed, having not known much about the author. It is, after all, a beautiful message to want to believe in. But I think that was my problem, it seemed too good to be true. Not saying that it is or isn't but simply that it is hard for me to swallow. So I looked up the author and was severely dissapointed in what I found and am under the impression that he is a fraud. I leave that up to the other readers to find the information for themselves. It won't be hard to find, there are several tapes of secret recordings of his breaks durring readings.

Aside from my research the other thing I had a hard time with in this book was the fact that he constantly contradicts himself. For example, at one point in the book he says that when we die we are then given the full knowledge of our lifetimes to judge ourselves and if we completed what we came to learn. Later he says that "There are no instant, all-knowing miracles or revelations when we die." Um...? He does it some more when he describes the transitional places that we encounter when we die, which is different when he explains what happens when we die. Seemingly the same subject has two different answers.

Again maybe I'm wrong and that's fine, maybe one day I'll find a source that doesn't contradict themselves every few chapters. Like I said though, it really is a wonderful message and this book would be great for anyone that has recently lost a loved on or is fearful of death. If nothing else this book would be a light fluffer to get them started in a search for more learning material.

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### Elana says

A quick and enjoyable read (if you are interested in this sort of thing, of course). It's not so much whether I believe everything he has to say about the after-life -- it's more that I like to see a view of life from a perspective that is so unique. I don't doubt Van Praagh's abilities (my own life experience makes this possible for me). Also, personally, I believe life continues. It does make me think -- just as each of us percieve this life in our own particular way, so each of us will see the after-life from our own perspectives.

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### R. says

From an e-mail to a friend:

I picked up a book at the library today called *Ghosts Among Us* by James "I'm In Your Living Room!" Van

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Praagh.

For some reason, he advises the Dear Reader to consider such mediation tricks as The Cloak of Invisibility and the Rays of Pink Light.

Because, of course, some ghosts are bad. Very bad. And they are easily dissuaded by you chanting, "I'm enveloped in pink light!" to yourself whilst the walls drip blood, the lights flicker.

Keep in mind that J.V.P. may very well be in your living room at any given moment; he's just sporting his Invisible Cloak and living on your dwindling supplies of macaroni.

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Reading of JVP's near death experience was kind of a letdown. I mean, he got food poisoning from unwashed lettuce on a sandwich from the mall (there's a surprise) and then caught a glimpse of the hereafter?! Come ON!

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### **Valerie says**

A little known fact about me...I have always feared death, especially since having kids, I have an irrational fear that I will die while they are little and not be able to see them grow up. This book has reminded me, in an religiously unbiased way, that God is in control and I will live exactly how long he wants me to. This book has eased my mind phenominally and answered questions for me that religion never could and at the same time strengthens my belief in religion and God. A tall order for someone who has had such major questions about faith throughout my lifetime!

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### **Lenoir says**

I thought this book was facinating. I suppose you can read it two ways though. You can think he is full of S\*@%. If that's the case you probably won't enjoy this book at all. The other option is to suspend skepticism and just go with it. Even if you cannot embrace the concept of someone who "sees dead people" there are a lot of interesting things about postive and negative energy among the living and how we can physically and emotionally affect eachother with the energy we put out there. I waivered between giving this book 3 or 4 stars. I probably would have liked to give it 3 1/2 stars.

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### **Janene says**

People who know me find it impossible that I hadn't heard about James Van Praagh prior to picking up this book. So, I read the book without any preconceived notions or opinions about him.

Does he *\*really\** recall paranormal events..in detail..that happened when he was just 2 years old? I found myself rolling my eyes many times (I am a very firm believer in the afterlife & have had experiences as far back as I can remember. THREE years of age. lol). Much of what I read I felt was really over the top, but I can't judge another man's experiences based on my own.

Overall...held my attention & gave me things to think about. Quick read. Go ahead & read it. :)

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### **Terri says**

Interestingly I enjoyed the last part of this book more than anything else. I don't doubt that he had/has these experiences....which in and of itself is pretty amazing. But it all seemed SO stereotypical. The blonde haired, blue eyed beautiful angels, the healing spirits dressed as doctors, and meeting our relatives on the other side.....it was a little much. But I REALLY did enjoy the parts about being Mindful, positive thoughts and negative thoughts and living an enlightened life. Those parts of the book I will remember and put some things into practice in my own life.

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### **Nancy Ellis says**

The author is a well-known medium as well as having been the co-producer of the TV series "The Ghost Whisperer" which I loved. In this book he deals with the issue of ghosts and the afterlife. I've always been fascinated by this subject, so it was a great book for me. Also very convincing if you're "on the shelf" about this subject...or you choose to say "that's nice" and forget about it. Either way, it's a very enjoyable book!

ADDED ON 09/28/15: Read it again and enjoyed it even more.

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### **Victoria says**

This book was recommend to me by a good friend. As I am recovering from an illness she thought this would be a good idea to protect myself from negative energy. I had never read anything by James and really only knew his name. After reading this, I have a feeling I'll be looking for other books he's wrote to add to my library, including this one.

One of the best things about this book is the positive protection and visualizations that he recommends. I have done a few "ghost tours" in the past and never thought about what might be out there ready to attach its self to my energy or even follow me home. I highly recommend this book to anyone that is thinking about ghost hunting or opening themselves up to the spirit world.

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### **Margarida says**

O autor foi o consultor sobre mediunidade para a série de televisão "Contacto" (no original "The Ghost Whisperer") e esta obra esclarece o leitor sobre a presença de espíritos na nossa realidade, os planos energéticos em que eles existem, e que devemos encarar a vida e os entes queridos que já partiram com amor e compaixão.

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### **Jeph says**

Skeptics need not apply.

Ghosts Among Us was the first book in a very long time that I was sorry to see end. James Van Praagh is a medium responsible for producing such well-known shows as Ghost Whisperer. His book, Ghosts Among Us explains his understanding of spirits and the spirit world that surrounds us. He discusses a wide variety of topics ranging from what ghosts are to the afterlife, the chakra system and even methods for protection from evil energy and making contact should you choose to continue the journey after this book.

One of the strengths of this book are the experiences that Van Praagh interlaces into his lectures. The majority of his book are encounters, experiences and sessions. His first-person experiences serve as breaks from the information and keep the book moving at a decent pace as well as good conversation tools for any skeptics that give this book a try.

If you've lost a loved one, have experienced the paranormal or are just curious about the unseen worlds or the afterlife, please do yourself a favor and give this book a try.

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### **Kim says**

I have a lot of respect for James Van Praagh. His other books offer wonderful meditations, insight into the paranormal and positive messages of love and hope. But this book just grated on me. First of all he tells you that ghosts aren't his expertise. He sees them, yes, but they give him the heebie-jeebies. As a medium, he's more into spirits that have "passed over" whereas ghosts tend to be 'earthbound'--stuck here due to some kind of negative energy field-- and boy did he ever have some creepy stories to tell about that! He constantly referred to his television show The Ghost Whisperer. Get it? It's not the Horse Whisperer or the Dog Whisperer. . . Anyway, I've never seen the show, but I felt this book was written solely for the purpose of promoting his show, and I felt just a little used.

If you're into stories of the paranormal (which I am) and enjoy his show (which I don't), you may like this book. In the future I hope he sticks to the thing he's good at-- spreading positive energy.

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### **Julie Ann says**

This book is amazing in many ways.

Here's a list of what this book did to me.

1. It opened my consciousness to the spiritual being that I am. Here is where I found out about the quote I wanted placed under my name in my college yearbook. :)
2. It changed my view on life, death and the afterlife.
3. It increased my faith in God, and made me closer to Him and His angels. :)
4. It changed my perspective about ghosts/souls/spirits.
5. It taught me how to pray again.

The book came to my life in the right time. Thanks to James van Praagh! :)

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## **Barbara says**

i usually love this mans writing having had an amazing time at one of his workshops back when. I have no trouble believing in beings in a different dimension but I think James is doing a disservice by scaring people with "evil" ghosts and feeding that belief.

There is some really good stuff in the book but James sounds like he's gotten cranky.

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