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Here's to saints, sinners and saké!

Brian Roy is a ghost hunter extraordinaire. His latest adventure involves headless Japanese soldiers wreaking havoc in a New Hampshire church. The stats are grisly. Two boys blinded. Another boy shot. Cops killed. The bodies keep piling up and the ghosts' thirst for vengeance is as insatiable as their thirst for saké!

The phantom soldiers cut a swath of murder through the congregation until all that's left of Brian's local allies are Jim Bogue and his grandfather, Luke Allen who is a blind marine vet. They are all that stand between the dreadful ghosts and the helpless locals. Even as a second threat lurks in the shadows, just as deadly as the gruesome specters, the ghostbusters race against time to save the town.

While trying to protect the living, Brian and his crew are thrust into the unforgiving world of the undead. When the last battle finally begins, Brian wonders if he's met his own personal Hiroshima...

The First Church Details

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Tam French says

Another excellent book

Loved the characters and storyline in this book. Was thrilled with the return of Leo!! Love him so much! Also love the bonus chapters at the end of each book.

Shaina says

There were more lovable characters, unique plot, yay for some returns. This was my least favorite in the series, so far, plot wise.

Deedra says

Another great book by Ron Ripley and wonderfully narrated by Andrew Tell. Brian, a ghost hunter, is called to a church where people are being maimed and killed by, of all things, Japanese war ghosts. The chatting with ghosts who can help and those who can't is pretty interesting. I hope there is a 5th book! I may have been given this book by the author or narrator...or I may have bought it. I can't remember anymore.

Puja Kshirsagar says

The First Church is the fourth book of the Moving Series, after Moving In, The Dunewalkers and Middlebury Sanitarium. After Middlebury Sanitarium lived up to my hopes, it was The First Church that I picked up for reading. The book, just as the previous one, is engaging and brings the protagonists in another ghostly adventure. What follows is a scary but interesting story.

The new adventure of Brian Roy in The First Church is pretty much interesting and scary as well. The book remains interesting right up to the end. Although I did not find it better than Middlebury Sanitarium, it manages to maintain the standards if not increasing them.

You may read the full book review here [The First Church \(Moving in #4\) by Ron Ripley – Book review](#)

David Wright says

What a blast. The church was a nice change of scenery and the slower storyline a pleasant change after the goings on in Middlebury Sanitarium.

That's not to say that this book is weaker - far from it. The ever developing storyline becomes more and more gruesome in typical Ron Ripley fashion. There are some new characters to get to know, Leo returns to add an element of mild humour to the proceedings and the idea of the ghosts reason for vengeance is superbly thought out.

Do yourselves a favour and read a Scare Street story, I can't get enough of these!

Brenda says

Wow

Who would have thought ghosts could haunt a church but that's just the tip of the iceberg with The First Church by Ron Ripley. The ghosts are long dead soldiers and the spin that Mr Ripley creates kept me turning the pages to see who would survive. I think each book in this series just keeps getting better. I can't wait to read the next one. On a scale of one to five this entire series deserves a six because it's just that good!

Sara Alatorre says

Not bad, ending seemed a tad rushed, but I enjoyed it still.

Rene says

I liked it, but not as much as the first 3 in the series. This one was a little plodding and I didn't really care for this particular storyline with the Japanese ghosts. Also, I found it a little disjointed and choppy. Looking forward to the next one.

nora m malotte says

The First Church (Moving In Series Book 4)

This Thrilling Scary Ghost Story is a tale of men and 1 boy , Jim , who brave the threat of their own deaths to capture EVIL, DEAD.. SIX SOLDIER GHOSTS , SEEKING VENGEANCE. Not against the people who killed them, but against anyone unlucky enough to cross their paths.. This story is as much about the growing to manhood of Jim, as he faces the possible loss of his beloved grandfather. A WONDERFUL, MOVING SUPERNATURAL MYSTERY you will truly enjoy. I RECOMMEND!

Glenda says

scary

Cats of Ulthar February Weird Fiction says

Review: THE FIRST CHURCH by Ron Ripley
[MOVING IN Book 4]

Author Ron Ripley deserves a wide audience and more acclaim, for truly his imagination never ceases. [Japanese soldier ghosts, in life practitioners of Shinto, housed in a New England Congregationalist Church!?! Strictly surreal!] This novella is fourth in the MOVING IN series, a series I hope never ends. Poor Brian Roy, the accidental ghost hunter, is called in on what turns out to be a seriously nasty, violent, and dangerous case (the "lucky" victims only suffer heart attacks--which is a real threat for Brian because of his cardiac history). These soldiers are mean!! Just because they've been deceased seventy years doesn't mean they're not both really, really sadistic, and terribly violent. So yes, a fair amount of blood and grisly and "not for the faint of heart" moments; but to be fair, some of the scenes, in other hands, would have been a whole lot more splatter-y. So I won't call this "extreme." However [rare event] the ending made me tearful (twice).

Barbara L. Rose says

Another great creepy tale

Like the first 3 books in this series, Mr. Ripley grabbed my attention on page 1 and never let go. These are not my favorite genre but I can't resist this series. Always unique subject matter. Well developed characters. This one had more errors, but not enough to discourage me.

11811 (Eleven) says

This was more of a paranormal mystery than a horror so it was a little outside my preferred genre. Horror Light; almost YA. Not bad for what it was if you like this type of story. Well written, well narrated.

2.5 stars for the story, 4 for the audio.

I received a free copy from audiobookboom.

Tina says

Brian Roy and the Leonidas Group are back, this time trying to de-ghost a New England church. With a couple of new, likeable characters and some nasty villains, both dead and alive, this was one of the best in the series so far. I look forward to seeing where this group goes next.

BookLoversLife says

Here's me thinking what could Ron Ripley come up with next for the poor Leonidas group?? I would never, in my wildest dreams, think of Japanese soldiers, whom relish in death and whom reside in a church because some creep put their bones there, just so the ghosts could do what they wanted! Plus these ghosts can shoot ghostly bullets, and cause people to have heart attacks. Which isn't an ideal situation for Brian, considering the amount of heart attacks he's had.

As per usual, Ron Ripley has created another scary edition to this novella range of stories. I have come to

expect creepy settings, but here we have a church that's still in use!! It's not abandoned nor particularly scary, well that is until a headless ghost appears suddenly and pokes out the eyes of 2 boys! More and more ghosts seem to be making the church their home, so Brian and the team have to figure out a) why the ghosts are there, b) who put them there and c) how to contain them.

This series has quickly become a kind of bite sized pleasure of mine! The author knows how to capture your attention and he knows how to make your hackles rise and goose bumps appear! I love reading these, but not at night time ;)

In all, another awesome addition to the series. I so can not wait for the next one to come to audio, and that is thanks to the amazing narrator!!

As I've said with all the rest of the books I've listened to that was narrated by him, Andrew Tell made this book so much better. He really knows how to bring a story and the characters to life. He has plenty of tones, cadences and knows what inflection to use when needed! Highly recommend his work!!

I received a free copy of this from Audiobook boom. This in no way affected my thoughts.
