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Phantom footsteps pace the stairs at the Myrtles Plantation. A seductive spirit tugs on the sheets at the Copper Queen. Ghost children whisper and giggle at the Kehoe House. Journey into the mysterious world of haunted hotels, where uninvited guests roam the halls, supernatural sounds ring throughout the rooms, and chills run along the spines of those who dare to check in for the night.

Join Jamie Davis Whitmer, author of *Haunted Asylums, Prisons, and Sanatoriums*, as she explores some of the most haunted hotels across the United States. From the Jerome Grand Hotel in Arizona to the Palmer House in Minnesota, each hotel is discussed in great detail, covering everything from the building's history and legends to first-hand accounts of spooky sounds and smells, ghost sightings, EVP sessions, and more. You'll also find photos, travel information, and everything else you need to plan your own visit to these iconic hotels.

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Connie Cisco says

This was a great spooky travel guide. It made me want to hop in the car and explore some the hotels myself. I appreciate the author and her husband sharing their extensive historical knowledge.

Donna Tarver says

The author wrote of well known hotels that have a reputation of being haunted. She wrote a brief history of each place, along with her personal experiences while visiting. She then left it to the reader to draw their own conclusions. I enjoyed the book quite a lot, and plan to read the authors other book.

Simona says

I've got this book from NetGalley in exchange of an honest review

This book was just OK to me. I liked that there were a lot of useful information about the hotels for those who want to visit them. Actually it reminded me more of a catalog for tourists, than the actual book. There were a little bit of history, a little bit of witnesses reports, a little bit of everything, like in some kind of advertisement brochure.

But overall I was a little disappointed, because I expected more compelling evidence, than just some cold feeling spot or the feeling that you are watched. Maybe I was spoiled, because I saw a lot of shows where ghost hunting teams gave us more evidence in the same places. So these stories was just meh for me.

Do I recommend this book ? I guess you can try to read it.

Pamela says

On one hand, AMERICA'S MOST HAUNTED HOTELS is a simply written, conversational stylized travelogue featuring randomly chosen hotels/inns/bbs purported to be haunted. Places like: The Myrtles Plantation, The Queen Mary, The 1886 Crescent Hotel, The Palmer House (made famous by Stephen King's the Shining).... And the list goes on to include 6 other locations.

On the other hand, this breezy quick book is an investigation (and history lesson foray) into fables, folktales, legends, and lore with supernatural/paranormal elements attached to historic and/or quirky locales. Places such as Brisbee, Arizona and Eureka Springs, Arkansas, to name a few.

Putting both hands together, the applause meter spikes somewhere between mildly underwhelming and pleasantly interesting. Good photos. Travelogue viable. Novice writing, pleasantly done.

THREE *** Not So Much Haunted, BUT Hospitably Entertaining in a Conversational Reporting Style ***
STARS

Donna Maguire says

I really enjoy reading about the paranormal and hauntings so I jumped at the chance to be able to read and review and advance copy of this book. The book is set out really well with a chapter being dedicated to each location. I have watched a lot of the US series that get shown over here in the UK such as Ghost Adventures and Ghost Hunters so I knew about a couple of the locations but in the main they were new to me and it was really enjoyable reading how Jamie and Bob had found their visits. Well written and photos added where needed, very good read.

RumBelle says

This book was, on the one hand, really interesting to me because I had never personally read anything regarding the majority of the hotels and their ghostly activities. On the other, at times the tone, writing and activities discussed reminded me too much of a bad travelogue, or those ghost hunter shows where the entire show is green. It was just really hokey and read like a bad psychic trying to explain phenomenon (even though Whitmer went to great pains to say she was not psychic)

I did enjoy learning about the history, and ghostly activity at these hotels, especially since I got to read about so many new ones. One of my favorites was the Jerome Grand Hotel in Arizona. A former hospital, this hotel saw its share of heartache as well as experiencing great prosperity. Another never before read about hotel was the Kehoe House in Savannah. This stately building was constructed as a labor of love, and gorgeously decorated. The legacy of that construction lives on in its ghosts.

The photos in this book really helped bring the locations to life and give you a visual sense of what the writers were talking about. A wonderful example of this was the seemingly endless hallway in the Stanley Hotel.

An interesting and intriguing, if slightly goofy sounding book.

Majanka says

Book Review originally published here: <http://www.iheartreading.net/mini-rev...>

In this book, the author and her husband travel from one town to the next, to visit haunted hotels. Readers get the history of each hotel, info about the haunting, and then the author's evidence (or lack of evidence, if they don't get any during their investigation) for the haunting. I enjoyed that they included their own experience, and that they did research about the locations. A travelling guide for people who enjoy the paranormal.

Kathy says

**This book was given to me from NetGalley for a fair and honest review.

This was a fascinating book. I love stories of hauntings, ghosts and the like and couldn't resist this book when I saw it. The author does a really good job of detailing the history of each of the hotels. I found this part fascinating. How old is it? Who built it? What has it been used for in its lifetime? And so on. She really paints a picture for you so you can imagine the building at its inception. She then tells you about its "haunting" history. When, if possible, was the first account and what has supposedly happened there. Then she shares her experiences, if any. If tours are possible, she has gone on them and tells us all about them and what to expect. Then, finally, what I really respected was the short sections at the back of each chapter where her husband, a skeptic, tells you what if anything he experienced. In some cases he is only able to tell us his reaction to his wife and what she experienced. But I felt that this sort of backed up her claims sort of. He has witnessed things he doesn't understand, and perhaps he hesitates to call them hauntings, but he is positive something happened.

The author then continues on with information regarding visiting these places. How to contact them and whether tours are available. This is more than just a book of hauntings, in the afterward she says that she intended this book to be a sort of travel guide. At first, I was somewhat disappointed that she was more so detailing facts, histories and events instead of telling me cool ghost stories. But that wasn't what she intended. I had to completely rethink my original opinion when I read that. She did her job, I now want to go to every one of those hotels!

Book of Secrets says

3.5 Stars → AMERICA'S MOST HAUNTED HOTELS would be a fun travel guide to have on a cross-country ghost tour road trip. This book highlights ten of the country's notable haunted hotels, some familiar to me and some not. The author gives readers a brief history of the properties and why each is thought to be haunted. She also shares her own experiences at the hotels, and whether or not she got a feel for their resident spirits? though no in depth ghost hunting takes place. I was a bit disappointed it wasn't spookier, but it gives plenty of info to stir up interest. Each hotel's chapter concludes with reservation and contact information if you'd like to plan a visit.

My two favorites were the Stanley Hotel in Colorado, which was Stephen King's inspiration for The Shining, and the Crescent Hotel in Arkansas, which I've visited many times. Love it. The ghost tour was great spooky fun.

Disclosure: I received a copy of this book from the publisher through NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Sarah says

Jamie and her husband Robert are on the search for the most haunted hotels in America, the hotels featured in this book are;

The Myrtles Plantation
The Queen Mary
The Copper Queen
The Kehoe House
1886 Crescent Hotel
Jerome Grand Hotel
Farnsworth House Inn
Lemp Mansion
The Stanley Hotel (my favourite!)
And
The Palmer House

Filled with history of the hotels and ideas of who the ghosts could be plus information about the nearest airports to the hotels, suggested places to visit and places to eat it's an extremely informative and interesting read.

Jamie wants good experiences with ghosts while Robert isn't expecting anything.

I really enjoyed this, especially about The Stanley Hotel, the place where Stephen King thought up the story for *The Shining*! I really want to go there!

I will be keeping my eyes open for the book Jamie has written about Asylums, prisons and hospitals because I imagine some scary happenings went on in that!

Huge thanks to Jamie and Robert Whitmer, Llewellyn Worldwide, Ltd and NetGalley for this copy in exchange for an honest review

Archaic.robin says

I honestly very much enjoyed this book and found it to be ideal as a travel guide. I would love to take this book with me on a spooky road trip and visit every location listed and described in this book. Jaime Davis Whitmer does an excellent job at telling the tales and histories of each location, and I appreciated her research and honesty. She made sure to let the reader know which legends she found evidence to back up and which allotted mostly to just spooky stories and tall tales. I also enjoyed her personal anecdotes, describing hers and her husband's own experiences and thoughts about the locations, which always came off as sincere. If neither of them had any experiences at a location they did not make anything up, but stated that while others reported occurrences they themselves did not. It was refreshing to read a book about haunted places with such honest accounts. I would recommend this book to anyone looking for a simple ghost book or maybe someone open to vacation ideas!

Janet says

I was expecting lots of scary stories and legends. Instead this book was more of a travel guide of haunted inns and B&Bs. A lot of these places have already been featured in books and on paranormal shows. The author's writing style could also use some work.

RachelvlehcaR says

Rating is 3.5

This is a NetGalley Book in exchange for a review. I have not read Jamie Davis Whitmer's book Haunted Asylums, Prisons, and Sanatoriums: Inside Abandoned Institutions for the Crazy, Criminal & Quarantined, so I don't know the style of her writing.

Note: I have the uncorrected proof before publication edition.

In this edition there needs to be more editing. There is missing information through out the book, mainly in prices and photos. The layout would be better if it was changed but it was easy to tell when one Hotel story ended to the next story.

I really enjoyed the history of each Hotel. Those are favorite parts of the book. This is told in a way, of a travel. They travel to each destination, talk about the town/city, then the history of the hotel, and why it's haunted. Next is their own experience and I like how they didn't use much. Just themselves to make it seem more like an average visitor passing through.

My favorite for sure is about the Stanley Hotel, the famous setting for Stephen King's The Shining. I loved the story of how King came up with the story from staying there. Very interesting stuff. I'd love to know more of his experience with that hotel.

Overall, I enjoyed the book. I love how to get in contact through phone, email, etc for each hotel and for all the extra information about tours and other places to visit in the area. I've bookmarked a few.

Pam says

It was interesting but didn't really meet my expectations from the title. It was interesting to read about the author's feelings about different haunted places, but you never really got a lot of background on what made the places haunted.

Sarah says

I received an e-copy of this book from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

I am a huge fan of paranormal shows and books, so I was thrilled when I was notified that my request for this book had been accepted. My excitement was short-lived though because all of the locations described in this book are very well-known sites for paranormal activity, hence they've been featured on many ghost hunting shows and in other books I've read. I was already familiar with the histories of these locations and I've seen/read about more compelling evidence that was captured by other investigators than the evidence (or lack thereof) that was captured by Whitmer and her husband. Overall, I felt that the book lacked originality and the writing left much to be desired.

