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In this book you'll meet the vengeful spirit of an Indian who wanted his skull back, a haunted antique party dress, a ghostly poisoner doomed to her own private hell, Thomas Edison and his machine to talk to the dead, the long-dead actress who still takes curtain calls, the headless motorcyclist of the Great Black Swamp.

There are tales as old as Native American ghostlore, as new as the one about a haunted airplane. There are stories about haunted presidents and haunted swimming pools. There are tales of the dead and famous and of the faceless dead. Visit that altered state of consciousness--Haunted Ohio.

Stories from the following Ohio counties: Ashland, Auglaize, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Columbiana, Coshocton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Defiance, Erie, Fairfield, Franklin, Greene, Guernsey, Hamilton, Hardin, Knox, Lawrence, Licking, Mahoning, Marion, Medina, Meigs, Miami, Montgomery, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Portage, Richland, Sandusky, Summit, Tuscarawas, Vinton, Wood, Wyandot.

Includes general index and index by county, bibliography, source notes, and directory of haunted places open to the public.

Haunted Ohio: Ghostly Tales from the Buckeye State (Buckeye Haunts) Details

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Sarah Crawford says

2008, 104 pages.

The book divides Ohio into various sections including:

Lakeshore
Ohio Valley

Cincinnati and the Southwest, Columbus and the Western Heartland and Eastern Heartland.

There are no photographs. There are some artwork pages, though. The descriptions of the various sightings run a page or two. There are other things than ghosts in the book. This includes UFOs, swamp monsters and witches. There's even a chapter about John Brown's grave. The whole book is quite interesting.

Tiffany Lynn Kramer says

Being a native of Ohio I always loved reading this series growing up. Like any anthology the quality and impact varies from story to story but if you are looking for a collection of ghost stories this series is worth a read.

Debbie says

A not very well written anthology of ghost stories from around Ohio.

Kim Smiley says

Good, scary book about all of the haunted places in the state of Ohio. This book can really scare you if you're home alone and reading this book. I read it 14 yrs. ago and I can still remember sitting in my room with the door shut and having to go to the bathroom, but too scared to get up and see what was behind the door in the hallway! Happy reading!

Jim Sturgill says

Fun read!

Being born and raised in Cincinnati and having lived all over Ohio, I thoroughly enjoyed this book. Truly a fun collection of tales!

Natalie Moon says

This book was supposed to be a way to tell my little brother, Jack, spooky stories. But it ended up being too 'grown up' for him. It reminded me of those shows you see on t.v. with people visiting spooky locales going around with night vision looking for spirits.

The most far fetched story was of a clothier/museum exhibition where strange things were happening and the spirits of the dead people who were once owners of the clothes started turning up- and the author mentioned that it could happen because their skin cells were still in them. LUDI-CHRISTMAS!

Amy "the book-bat" says

This is the first of a series of five books documenting ghost stories from around the state of Ohio. Some of the stories were familiar, others were new to me. I enjoyed learning more about my home state and became intrigued to check out some of these places some time.

I met the author at a book event back in 1994 (I think). She was very nice and signed the first couple books for me. My son has become interested these books, so it is fun to revisit them now.

Emmy says

I've tried several times to read this, since 2012, and each time I just can't get past the first chapter or so. It's so boring! Who would have thought that a book about a topic as fascinating as ghosts would be so dull? If you're looking for folklore and scary "Boo!" stories, then this is not for you. If, however, you are looking for a list of stories that basically say "someone saw a ghost" with no real emotion or fanfare behind the presentation, then give this one a shot.

Landree Rennpage says

Ok, the biggest reason this gets 5 stars versus some of the other titles in the series (which still got fours) is because my alma mater got a whole section in the chapter on haunted colleges and universities. Even though Kenyon is small, it has more than its fair share of ghosties. Enjoy!

All of these books are awesome compilations of local legends and ghosts, and Chris Woodyard definitely does her homework, by researching the stories and often visiting the sites. Would highly recommend to the ghost story lovers out there.

Mikayla says

I like the book had a lot of facts to go with the stories and found it quiet interesting but hard to follow along in some parts.

David says

All short stories, enjoyable, some are too short and need more expansion. At times the book feels as if they are attempting to fit in as many stories and instances of ghost sightings as possible, the focus on fitting in all areas of Ohio does not make for a good read. Instead it seems geared toward being able to say "I've been there" or "I live there." Plenty of interesting research, historical material and areas to follow up on.

Anna says

4.5 stars

I really enjoyed reading this compilation of Ohio lore. I picked it up after hearing Chris Woodyard on a podcast recently. She's since compiled several other volumes of scary stories from Ohio, which are no doubt worth checking out.

I especially liked the extra-creepy stories about haunted colleges and universities, in particular, Fisher Hall on the campus of Miami University. One of the stories from Miami is one I heard many years ago from someone who went to school there.

Other highlights were the stories about theaters, which for some reason are great ghost magnets everywhere. An excellent choice for Halloween season reading!

Jason says

I'm being awfully generous putting this on my "nonfiction" shelf here on Goodreads, but that's how the book's marketed. I read this in high school in Ohio, where I grew up, and thought it was interesting. I think I was probably expecting it to be scarier.

Selena says

Meh.

The writing was so-so. It was trying to be factual and journalistic about stuff that sounds fake, even when read in a mental NPR voice. It went back and forth between "I'm a serious journalist" type writing and "It was a dark and stormy night. Ooooo Spooky. Don't you think so? This is totally spooky!" type writing. In other words, any "creep factor" attempt was thwarted by itself.

I had hoped to get a book of creepy hauntings and the history behind them. All I got was a bunch of second/third hand accounts of people going, "It's so spooky! X moved when I wasn't looking, so this place must be haunted!" type stories that most of the time were just lame rather than the spooky I wanted. I was boooooooooored.

About the only thing that was interesting was the section on theater ghosts and college ghosts because these were treated less like, "So-and-so saw a shadow, thus the place is haunted" and more like an urban legend.

While they still weren't scary, they were at least presented in a more interesting (and in my opinion, appropriate) way. More information was given on these hauntings as back story and as I said, more of an urban legend feel (both of which is what I was hoping for from the rest of the book).

It's sad to say, but I've read creepy pastas better than this... But I suppose it's all about what you're looking for. If you're looking for Hauntings: A History or Spooky Tales of the Unknown, you will not find this here. If you're grasping at straws to prove ghosts are real and don't mind things that sound extremely fishy because only ONE PERSON ever experienced a STRANGE SHADOW (or something else that's equally unrepeatable) and thus the place is assumed haunted, then you'll probably want to read this. It's just not what I was hoping for from the title (and sadly, there wasn't much of a description on the back to let me know this was the wrong book to look in for Spooky Haunting Histories).

The last thing I'd like to note is that, despite the title being **Haunted** Ohio: **Ghostly** Tales from the Buckeye State, not all these tales are about ghosts. Some rumor angels and other non-ghostly entities.

James Bowman says

A solid selection of Ohio-based ghost stories. Most effective was the very last, which moved from purported fact to total fiction, but made for fun reading. (B)
