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Queer Hauntings: True Tales Of Gay & Lesbian Ghosts



Synopsis

Queer Hauntings: True Tales of Gay and Lesbian Ghosts is a collection of eerie locales worldwide with a queer bent, combining historical fact and unearthly encounters from across the United States, as well as around the globe. From haunted bars in New Orleans to a haunted theater in London, this guide encompasses the other side of the supernatural. The stories range from the serious, from brutal murders in rural Georgia, to the light-hearted, including the male spirit who enjoys unzipping men's trousers at a British pub. Ghosts of legendary celebrities intermingle with ordinary individuals. Along with these queer spirits are many businesses, either gay-owned or catering to a gay/lesbian clientele, experiencing hauntings. Clubs and bars hide more than shy young lovers in their darkened corners. Countless bed and breakfasts have otherworldly guests staying the night. Behind the shadows and doors of societal homophobia hide pink phantoms and lavender apparitions in cities and towns spread across the globe.

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Customer Reviews

For fans of the paranormal, Queer Hauntings - True Tales of Gay and Lesbian Ghosts is the perfect read for gay and even straight audiences alike. --Edge Boston Utterly, absolutely fascinating reading; a must-have for paranormal enthusiasts and lovers of ghostly lore, regardless of sexual orientation.... The lives of the people who populate this volume are as like to send chills (chills of sympathy and horror over the tragedies, the lives lost, the interrupted and misunderstood loves) down your spine as the hauntings themselves. Ken Summers is an engaging storyteller.... --Rainbow Reviews This book is easily the first of its kind and a very welcome edition for gays and

lesbians that like to get goose bumps in the middle of the night for reasons other than someone pulling the covers off of them! Recommended for any library that wants to add another dimension to its supernatural section. Suitable for teens and adults alike. --GLBT-Roundtable of the American Library Association

Ken Summers is a paranormal investigator, blogger, columnist, lecturer, and writer. His work has been featured in Edge New York, The Akron Beacon Journal, and Cleveland Scene Magazine, along with various local news channels. He currently resides in northeast Ohio.

This is a terrific book! The author did an excellent job of research and I thought it had just the right combination of factual history, juicy gossip and scandal. I read it in one sitting and I would have been happy for it to be twice as long. Perhaps a sequel? The reader will find stories of the dead and famous, sad ghosts, playful spirits, and the phantoms of tragic episodes in gay history. There's a great bibliography too and readers will appreciate the addresses for places they can actually visit. I especially liked the stories about Preston, the ghost in the wedding dress, the plaintive ghost of Clifton Webb who said (through a medium) that he lingered because "I'm afraid I will be forgotten", and the Ladies of Llangollen. The tale of Villa Montezuma and the "psychic pianist" Jesse Shepard was fascinating! I thought I knew all the major players in Spiritualism, but he was new to me. The author is to be congratulated for outing a number of unique ghost stories.

I found the information in this book to be incredibly interesting and intriguing... However, there were a ton of editing/typing errors that sometimes got downright distracting. Good for lovers of ghost stories and queer history... Not so good for those who get nervous tics from typos.

I've been a "fan" of Ken's for quite awhile, having discovered his blog by accident. I've thoroughly enjoyed his work there and was thrilled to learn he was penning a new book on GLBT ghosts! Somehow in the field of paranormal research people tend to forget about sexuality. Whether it is because of the incipient religiosity of many investigators who are uncomfortable with the subject or simple ignorance of how much our sexuality affects our lives and even our deaths, it's refreshing to see the topic covered in Ken's book. This book is a wonderful collection of ghost stories and folklore that connect to the GLBT community in various ways. However, unlike many strict folklorists, Ken goes out of his way to bring us stories that can be verified as historically accurate. This takes his work from the realm of regurgitating urban (or suburban) legends to being an interesting

exploration of where history and folklore intertwine. The book is a great read and Ken's personality and attention to detail shine through. I'm pleased to have this work in hand finally and pleased to recommend it heartily to all who are interested in the paranormal and in particular this oft neglected corner of the paranormal world.

It is a welcome change to read about gay ghosts but the book itself follows the standard writing style of this genre- full of primarily anonymous assertions and testimony. I feel more details would have helped. But it was a fun read leading up to Halloween- I just wish it had broken more ground in its content along with the subject matter. I suspect it works better if you believe in ghosts.

So apparently ghosts are as diverse as people are. A really well written and fun book to read even if you don't believe in ghosts. The gay community especially, should embrace this book because it's all about them. (That is, if there really are ghosts)! Fun for Halloween time!

I expected something more than a LBGT travel guide to paranormally enhanced bars and hotels

Ken Summers brings to the world his sophomore effort in "Queer Hauntings: True Tales Of Gay & Lesbian Ghosts", and with this 195 pages, one finds tales beyond common myths and stereotypes - taking the reader into another realm where few have traveled. The tales of Gay & Lesbian hauntings as well as Gay/Lesbian Businesses' paranormal activity is explored in detailed stories of the likes of Lizzie Borden of Massachusetts, New Jersey's Original Gay Bar in Minehill, NJ, The spirit of Long beach, California and more! This collection of angered, lost or mischievous ghosts covers tales of all regions in the United States, as well as other countries including Canada, Slovakia, Africa, and the Phillippines. Though paranormal investigation is nothing new, the search for gay & lesbian souls has been neglected and thrown into the mainstream label of ghost hunting until now. Ken Summers has given these spirits a voice and brought the tales of those whom haunt us around the globe. Every story is a flashback through the eyes of the ghost, giving the reader insight to the aspects of their lives, both in our reality, and in the reality we call the "afterlife". As you read each fascinating tale, you find yourself experiencing the event and truly understand more about these humans who refuse to be forgotten. I can guarantee that once you pick up this book and begin reading - from The Borden House to Slovakia's Bloodiest Countess.. You will find that there's much more to life after death than heaven and hell. And Ken Summers will deliver to you a new understanding and admiration for the unexplainable things in life known as Queer Hauntings.

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