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The Haunted: One Family's Nightmare



Synopsis

The world's most famous demonologists, Ed & Lorraine Warren, were called in to help an average American family who were assaulted by forces too awesome, too powerful, too dark, to be stopped. It's a true story, supported by dozens of eyewitnesses neighbors, priests, police, journalists, and researchers. The grim slaughterhouse of odors. The deafening pounding. The hooved half-man charging down the hall. The physical attacks, a vicious strangling, failed exorcisms, the succubus... and the final terror which continued to torment the Smurls. In this shocking, terrifying, deeply absorbing book rivaled only by *The Amityville Horror* a case also investigated by the Warrens journalist Robert Curran digs deep into the haunting of the Smurl home in West Pittston, Pennsylvania, and the unshakeable family bonds that helped them survive. Don't miss the Warrens' blockbuster films *The Conjuring* and *Annabelle* (in theaters October, 2014.) Books by Ed & Lorraine Warren also include *Graveyard*, *Ghost Hunters*, *In a Dark Place*, *Werewolf*, and *Satan's Harvest*.

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Customer Reviews

Journalist Curran here reports on a case of demonic possession in a 92-year-old duplex in West Pittston, Penn., home of Jack and Janet Smurl, their four daughters and Jack's parents. After demonic attacks on the family became more frequent, paranormal researchers Ed and Lorraine Warren investigated in 1985. At their request, Catholic Bishop Robert McKenna performed three exorcisms, unsuccessfully. The Smurls have allegedly endured myriad torments a strangling attempt, spectral appearances, sexual molestation by a demon, a levitation that persist. It is hard to

doubt the witnesses to these phenomena. The narrative is based on the testimony of 28 people who purportedly experienced supernatural events linked to the haunting. Oddly, the Smurl family continues to live in the house. First serial to Redbook; Troll Book Club and Preferred Choice Book Club selections; film rights sold to Lorimar; author tour. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I love reading the case files of Ed & Lorraine Warren! The first one I read was "The Demonologist", which I had years ago when I was in school. I was fascinated with the tales in there and it was where I was first introduced to "Annabelle." These new editions are much better than the versions I had in the past, with cleaner print, easier on the eyes. Several have photos that are much more clear than some of the previous editions. I am so glad these books are back in print, and in a pleasant, matching collection. Be sure to get all of them, and be ready for many chilling nights reading the spooky stories that will give you lots of restless sleep. :)

If your into supernatural haunting stories, you will not be disappointed here! Admittedly, the book does start out fairly slow, ordinary (for paranormal standards) and the writing competent but somewhat elementary. But about a third of the way through, things really take off and I mean REALLY take off. I don't want to spoil anything but if your a fan of the Warren's this is one for the shelf. Fortunately, as the case escalates in extremity the writing also increases in quality, with the author really finding his stride half way through the book. The quality of ghost-writing here is a breath of fresh air in a genre that has recently, for better or worse, been flooded with non-professional self published stories. Unique aspects of this case: -Demonic haunting of a genuinely devout catholic family -Combination of both Human/Inhuman haunting -Presence of Incubi/Succubi -Frequent and extreme apparitions -The Camping chapters... -Interesting account of the family going "public" with their haunting 4 1/2 STARS, just shy of 5 because of the previously mentioned first third of the book, other than that, a fantastic and wholly recommended book for the paranormal enthusiast!

I really like that different authors are used in each of Ed & Lorraine's books. It gives an author a chance at something new and the reader a different point of view. With that said... I feel like this should have been presented in a manila folder because it read just like a case file. This is the 3rd book that I've read in this series and I have to say that it's my least favorite. While the case is interesting, the writing really isn't. I wouldn't let that deter you from reading it if you are a Warren case fan, just be aware that this doesn't read like a normal book. For example, there are several

chapters that are just Q&A taken straight from a recording. Not horrible, but I'm not a fan of the format when I'm expecting a book. If you found this review to be helpful please click yes to let me know :)

The whole story was interesting. It was written as a sort of running commentary of events. Being really into scary books, it wasn't nearly as scary as I thought it would be. I kept wanting it to incorporate creative nonfiction prose more than just a report of events, but that's just personal preference. Reading about the Smurls, though, and what they went through makes me grateful for my "mundane" life - without hauntings. Without giving away the end, I'll just say that I would have loved an update on their status in terms of the spirits.

I chose this rating for this book due to some of the incredible experiences portrayed throughout the book. Some of the incidents seem remarkably upsetting, especially where the church is concerned. Many of the portrayed occurrences are incredulous to say the least. I am still doubtful and wonder how much was exaggerated. Although on the baseline I believe the Smurls on some levels.

It's been about 30 years since the incidents described in this book have taken place. A little disappointed that nothing, in 30 years, has been published about the goings on in the Chase Street house since the Smurls' departure. But that has nothing to do with this book. Good read- if nothing else, for sheer entertainment.

Even though this is book three, this is the first book I read in the series. I read over the course of three days; scared to death as I was reading. I did more extensive research on the case and saw there was a made for TV movie. I was super intrigued. The movie, however, was far from horror. My husband and I actually giggled at the lack of special effects. All in all, such an interesting case and I'm excited to read the remaining books!

This book is a page a turner and frankly the events that are revealed in this book are examples of some of the most caustic and brutal sides of the preternatural. The book is an endurance contest and you cannot put it down until a resolution is reached.

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