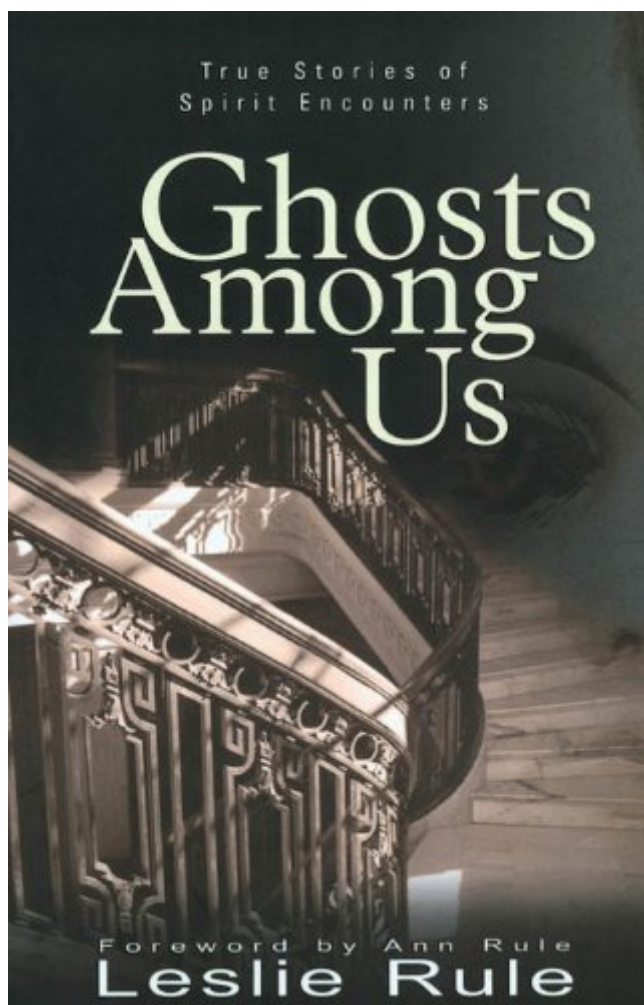


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Ghosts Among Us: True Stories Of Spirit Encounters



Synopsis

Do you believe in ghosts? Whether you are a believer or a skeptic, the stories of the supernatural in *Ghosts Among Us: True Stories of Spirit Encounters* will keep you riveted. Macabre and fascinating, *Ghosts Among Us* offers true-life, haunting accounts of eerie visitations and paranormal experiences along with artistically shot black-and-white photographs of haunted sites. The personal, firsthand reports and chilling, full-length stories are bolstered by sidebars of actual accounts of "Ghosts in the News." Each chapter explores mysterious events—events that the reader will find hard to pass off as mere coincidence. In her quest to uncover explanations for each incident, Leslie Rule extensively researched library archives and interviewed credible witnesses, historians, renowned psychics, and parapsychologists. Throughout *Ghosts Among Us*, Rule's findings are mesmerizing. She writes about being raised in a haunted house. "To top that," Rule explains, "[my mother] introduced me to a serial killer when I was fourteen." The reader is invited to skip ahead to learn about that chilling episode...but the pages prior to that offer their own gripping, spell-binding encounters.

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Customer Reviews

Leslie Rule is the daughter of bestselling true crime author Ann Rule. Her definitive research and crisply written prose revealed in "Ghosts Among Us" are characteristics of her mother's exhaustive efforts in comprehensively covering the true crime scene by communicating her information in a manner both folksy and readable. "Ghosts Among Us" marks the author as an important pioneer in a fascinating and rapidly evolving field of parapsychology. The numbers of skeptics, some of whom sought to ridicule the topic of ghosts, have sharply diminished through the efforts of authors such as Leslie Rule, who have demonstrated that many credible people have had encounters with beings in situations that cannot be explained through traditional human analysis. Having been born and raised in Seattle, it is fitting for Rule to launch her exploration at the colorful Pike Place Outdoor Market. Located in downtown Seattle, the market attracts not only scores of people from the Pacific Northwest and throughout the rest of the world; explorations reveal that ghosts have been known to visit as well. Numerous reports of such visits by scores of individuals from disparate walks of life have been related about such appearances. Rule's extensive research effort took her to all parts of America from Washington to upstate New York and into Canada. As well as reporting on numerous cases, she provides photos of some of the more interesting hotels, restaurants, and mansions where apparitions were seen. An element of her effort that readers should greatly appreciate is that, in addition to researching the cases thoroughly, she invites interested individuals to follow up on their own.

I was well pleased with Leslie Rule's first collection of ghost stories and in this her second collection of paranormal stories she has again hit the mark. Once again she is aided by her very pleasing writing style and her convictions about her subject. Her stories are crisp, clear and very believable however some of her stories are still a little bit short on details. The little snippets about "Ghosts in the News" are entertaining but I would rather have done without them and had a few more details in her other stories. I also ran across a few typos but these are the editor's fault rather than the author's. On the positive side, Ms. Rule again visited the places she wrote about and included some wonderful photographs she had made during her visit. There are also numerous recent eyewitness accounts to be found in this book which also helps to lend a great deal of credibility to the book. I was also very impressed with the range of stories in this book. All too often writers in this area tend to use only secondary sources and just basically re-tell the same old stories over and over again. One ghost book author I have run into tends to tell his stories almost word for word like previous authors and gets by with it by crediting the previous author in his bibliography. There is none of that with Leslie Rule and very few of her stories deal with the famous and well-worn haunts that tend to

show up in book after book. I was particularly impressed with the stories emanating from the Ted Bundy killings. These stories were a little skimpy on haunting details but extremely interesting nonetheless.

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