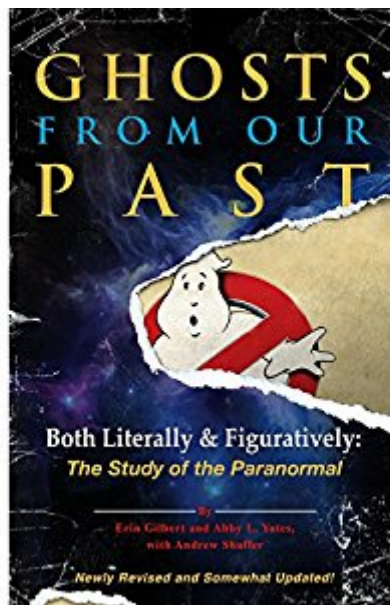




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Ghosts From Our Past: Both Literally And Figuratively: The Study Of The Paranormal



Synopsis

As seen in the Sony Pictures 2016 film *Ghostbusters*, here is the ultimate guide to identifying, understanding, and engaging with any paranormal activity that plagues you. Years before they made headlines with the *Ghostbusters*, Erin Gilbert and Abby L. Yates published the groundbreaking study of the paranormal *Ghosts from Our Past*. Once lost to history, this criminally underappreciated book is now back in print, revised and somewhat updated for the new century. According to Gilbert and Yates, "extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence", and whether you're a believer or a skeptic, you'll find the information you're seeking right here in this extraordinary book, including: The childhood experiences that inspired Erin and Abby's lifelong passion for the scientific study of the paranormal The history of ghosts and other supernatural entities, the science that explains their existence, and profiles of the groundbreaking paranormal researchers who have investigated them A guide to class I through class VII ghosts Helpful sidebars like "A Ghost by Any Other Name" and "Ectoplasm Cleanup Tips" Updates including "The *Ghostbusters*' Arsenal" by Jillian Holtzmann and "Haunted History" by Patty Tolan A new ghostbusting resources appendix, featuring the "Paranormal Quickstart Guide", "Is It a Ghost? A Handy Quiz", "A Supernatural Stakeout Journal", "The Devil's Dictionary: Paraterminology You Need to Know", and more With this helpful - and hilarious - official *Ghostbusters* guide in hand, you'll be prepared for almost any spirit, spook, or specter that comes your way. As for the rest, you know who to call.

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Customer Reviews

Like most things about the rebooted GHOSTBUSTERS, I approached "Ghosts From Our Past" with a sense of wary hope. Could this guidebook to the supernatural, written in-character from the perspective of two of the film's leads be any good, or would it just be another marketing gimmick? Thankfully, after a reassurance that it wouldn't spoil anything of the film (and indeed it doesn't), I lost my patience about a week prior to the film's release and dove in, fingers crossed for the best. I needn't have worried..."Ghosts From Our Past" is phenomenal. Several times I had to stop reading to sidle up to my wife and re-read her passages aloud, because I was so enamored of them (while I adore the spectral theory and categorizations, my favorite parts were the autobiographical passages from "Abby" and "Erin", which were by turns harrowing and hilarious). The best possible kind of tie-in, it truly felt a part of the universe that I'd later see in the film, and perfectly captured the unique comedic cadences of its two "authors"; I could distinctly hear Kristin Wiig's and Melissa McCarthy's delivery in my head as I flew through the pages. Kudos all around. I'll admit I might be an easy mark for this kind of thing, and I suppose your enjoyment of this book would depend on your acceptance and enjoyment of the 2016 film, but if you didn't enjoy that, well...track down one of these errant spirits, because you may just have no soul.

Ah, if only this had more Holtzmann and Patty content! And I was hoping for more [pseudo]science and technobabble by way of the film's science consultants. It's still fun to read, though, and looking for the bibliography for the real vs. fake sources is entertaining (I mean, if you're a total nerd like me). The actual writer, Andrew Shaffer, put some actual effort into this, which you can't always expect from media tie-ins. If you look around online, you can find some commentary by Shaffer on how the book was put together. Because of the input from the director and writer of the film, you could even make a good case for this being canon. If you're hopelessly in love with the film and just want MORE, or you're a Ghostbusters completist, or you're delighted by books-within-fiction becoming real objects, or you happen to be writing Ghostbusters fanfic, this is a book that you should have.

I bought this because I loved the new ghostbusters movie. I enjoyed this book as well. My son loves looking at it even though he is young because he knows it is all about ghosts and he loves to pretend he is a ghostbuster. I would recommend it for any fan of the movie. I had to buy two so I could keep one as a collectors item and read the other one with my son.

No, the first words are not "This is Not a Joke". It's also under 460 pages. This is ment to be a

revised version of the book from the 2016 Ghostbusters film. It features ALOT of information, including more insight into the back story of Abby Yates and Erin Gilbert. How they became friends, how they became paranormal investigators, insight into the science and history of ghosts and ghost hunting, the quest to prove the existence of ghosts, a description and history of Ghost classification, a guide for metaphysical examiners: What to take, what sort of locations to look for, and how to conduct a stake out. It even has information from Holtzy about the Proton packs and Ghost traps used in the movie, and Patty's stories of hauntings, including Aldridge Mansion. The appendix has many more interesting info: a "Is it A Ghost" quiz, a metaphysical examination legal waiver form, a form for interviewing people who have witnessed Paranormal activity, a ghost classification table, a stake out journal, places for notes, and even a dictionary of paranormal terminology. Written in perfect, hilarious voice of Abby and Erin, this book is also informative for fans of Ghostbusters, but fun to read. It even comes with a foreword by Martin Heiss ("a real ghost", as the intro says) and a "Epitaph" from the Ghostbuster's not-too-bright receptionist, Kevin. It also has an excerpt from Erin's and Abby's post movie book about their experience in the portal. Not sure if the Ghostbusters merchandise people made that into a full book, especially since that second book was only mentioned in a deleted scene. Just don't go looking for info on how to bring ghosts into our world. That section has mostly been, understandably, redacted.

The fun thing about this book, is it actually goes into some real history and some real theories, and as a work of fiction it makes it kind of hard to remove the true from the false. The fact that I also don't know a whole lot about some of the real things they talk about makes that even harder (doubled on top that I read this book months ago so I'm a little fuzzy). But if you are a Ghostbusters fan this book is totally worth a read. Very interesting, and a lot of fun.

Andrew Shaffer is an amazing writer! Great dude with a great passion for storytelling, this is my second book of his, and he is a humble class act with even better skill! Gotta check out this guy's work! He's really good! - Gus Galaxy

This is an adorable movie tie-in and an absorbing read. I was pleasantly surprised that this was so well-written and covered topics within the movie.

Such a fun read. Adds background information for the movie - Loved the movie despite all the smoke and distractions from the media. Refreshing to see quality comedy coming from these actors.

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