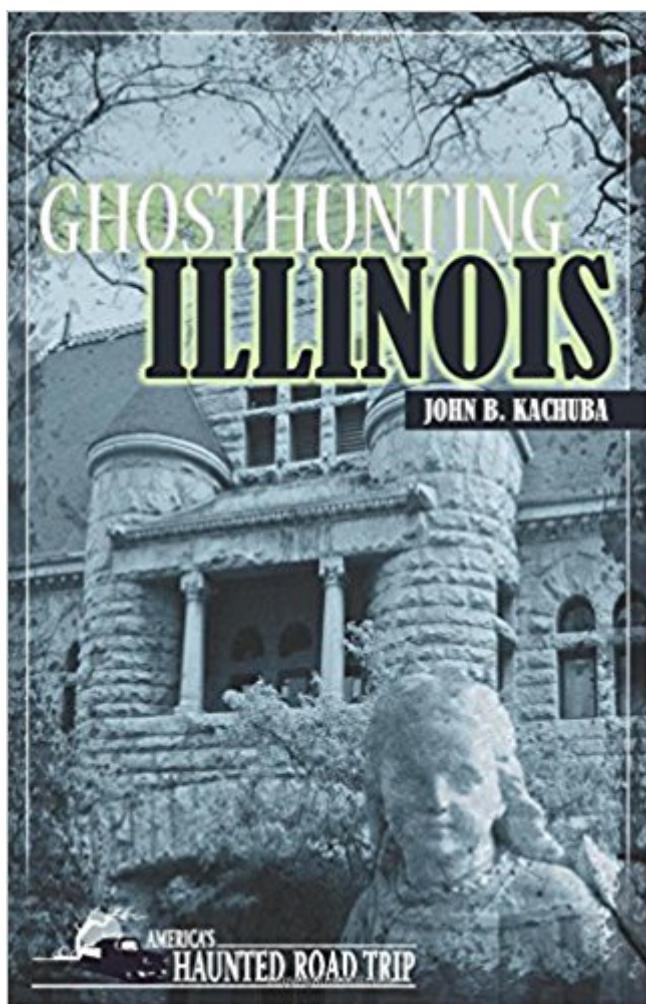


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Ghosthunting Illinois (America's Haunted Road Trip)



Synopsis

Lock the doors, draw the curtains, and light a candle as you join author John Kachuba on a guided tour of Illinois's most terrifyingly haunted places. Your hair-raising journey will take you to: Old State Capital, Springfield -- Lincoln lay in state here before his burial in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Could his ghost haunt the spot where his body lay? Harpo Studios, Chicago -- When the Eastland steamer capsized in 1915, the building served as a temporary morgue. Oprah's employees have encountered the ghosts of the victims, including the "Gray Lady" who floats through the halls. And many more scary sites. Maps and travel information are provided to every haunted location for those brave enough to make the journey in person.

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Customer Reviews

Ghosthunting Illinois is your ticket to thirty-two of Illinois' most legendary haunted places. Like he did in last year's Ghosthunting Ohio, John Kachuba takes you with him as he braves the unexplainable. And since all the establishments are open to the public, you can follow in John's footsteps and seek out Illinois' supernatural presences for yourself.

"Why do so many of us share this morbid obsession with ghosts? As children, we read ghost stories under the bedcovers or huddled around a campfire. We learned that we had no business being in cemeteries after nightfall. We learned to whistle in the dark. I am not a 'sensitive';

‘psychic’ or ‘medium.’ (In fact, I’m an extra large.) I’m an average guy, just like you, with a curiosity about things paranormal."

I decided to purchase this book on a whim and I was pleasantly surprised. Most paranormal location books offer little more than brief historical overviews of each location and then the associated ghost story. In "Ghosthunting Illinois," Kachuba takes a more hands-on approach in that he's visited the locations personally. His book offers some historical information, the associated ghost stories, and interviews with people associated with the location (owners, tenants, parishioners, etc.). Beyond that, he also describes his trek through these locations by expressing how he felt, what he saw, etc. An even more compelling reason to purchase this book is the fact that it's very well written which stands to reason considering the author is a "creative writing" professor. Additionally, the book holds your interest and the chapters are short so it's a great "quick chapter before bed" type of book.

I am an avid Ghosthunters fan (TAPS on SciFi). I purchased this book hoping it would give me specifics about paranormal investigations/haunted locations in Illinois. The book is interesting in that it provides several locations that are reputed to be haunted. However, it is more disappointing in that the book offers no evidence of any investigations or "hunts". In every site story that I have read so far, I see a lot of the word "maybe" and or "perhaps". The author has clearly visited the sites, but has not had any personal experiences himself to build on -- he merely repeats stories he has heard from locals. I would like to have seen something more from this book -- but it does still make me curious.

Good October read!

great reading entertainment. I will recommend this to anyone else interested in reading about this subject. Great stories and well written.

It's a great guide to find local attractions for the lost souls. Many of the locations are near me, so this summer will be fun!

If you live in Chicagoland, this book has quite a few interesting places to visit. Just don't expect to actually see any ghosts!

If you like reading about interesting locations in Illinois, you *might* enjoy this book. If you're looking for anything to do with ghost hunting or paranormal investigation, keep looking. As I've stated in other reviews, I'm a skeptic. I don't believe in ghosts; however, I love ghost stories anyway and am on the lookout for well-documented experiences and will give more stars to anything I read that entertains me. I bought a used copy of this book and dove in, but when I found myself ranting to friends about it, I finally had to give up. Because what this book doesn't contain is anything related to paranormal investigation. The writer visits locations, and talks to people who work there, then leaves, commenting that nothing happened. It was like listening to someone (okay, me) re-tell the plot of a TV episode instead of watching it. You could re-title this book, "second- and third-hand stories about places that might be haunted, I dunno, I didn't stay long." I'm probably more agitated about the wasted time, both trying to read this, and complaining about it. If it had had a different title, I would probably still have quit reading, but wouldn't be as agitated about how misleading it was.

This guide details the author's travels to various "haunted" locations. Once there, the location is described in detail along with any "gossip" that people have to say about ghosts. Sometimes locations aren't even described but pages are detailed on the "ghost" haunting it (i.e. the re-telling of the Dillinger tale). Very rarely does the author try to find the source of the "hauntings" or perform any type of investigation whatsoever. I guess if you're looking for a travel guide that details places that may or may not be haunted and you like listening to "ghost stories" that may or may not be true then this is great. Personally I was hoping that the author would get more involved at each location and try to understand who or what might be haunting them, if anything.

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