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FINALLY IN ONE BONE-CHILLING VOLUME, TV'S GHOST HUNTERS SHARE ALL OF THEIR CREEPY TRUE STORIES OF UNEXPLAINED PHENOMENA!

What did a paranormal investigation uncover at the Stanley Hotel in Colorado, the hotel built in 1903 that inspired Stephen King's The Shining?

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What happened when a man was overcome by an evil entity as Jason and Grant surveyed his home?

How can a Connecticut woman seem to exist in two places at once?

In this hair-raising omnibus, Jason Hawes and Grant Wilson, founders of The Atlantic Paranormal Society (T.A.P.S.), reveal the memorable and spine-tingling cases featured in their smash-hit collections, *Ghost Hunting* and *Seeking Spirits*. From their never-seen-on-television adventures as budding paranormal investigators to the behind-the-scenes accounts of heart-pounding supernatural encounters featured on their popular show, these fascinating and frightening real life tales will keep you up at night!

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Sophie Cimon says

To be honest, when I read ghost stories is to be scare. But they want so much to be scientific with their huntngs thatnit kills the mood for me. Plus, it is obvious that they are not writers, I didn't like reading this as if it was a conversation. And half of the first book was bitching about one of their collègue, which was a big nuisance for me. It's not a bad book but I wasn't excited either. Though it's interesting to hear about times where there was no ghost but just crazy peoples or fraud, refreshing in some sort.

Wendy Mills says

It was great to read about the various cases of TAPS, some of them even shown on the show Ghost Hunters.

Janet says

This seems to actually be two books--*Ghost Hunting* and *Seeking Spirits*--bound into one volume. I'm a healthy skeptic when it comes to this kind of stuff, and it was a pleasant surprise to read that T.A.P.S. looks to disprove spiritual activity rather than confirm it. I'm still not a believer...but this book comes a lot closer to convincing me than the others I've read.

Anna Bergmark says

These two ghost hunters sure beat the scientific drum with great fervor. For someone believing in the power of religious exorcisms that is. And in hobgoblins from the woods. And in little green men. And....

Well. I guess you don't really read books like this for the credibility as much as for the overall "ambience" so let's not quibble about it. But it added some unintended humour and made the authors - guys I've seen on television and liked just fine - sound annoyingly buffoonish at times. (And why was so much time wasted on the inadequacies of that poor Brian character? A mystery as dark and unanswerable as the ghostly hauntings themselves.)

An easy read though and far from the worst in the genre - if a little bit too self admiring.

Carey Henderson says

The first part if this novel, *Ghost Hunting*, I really enjoyed. It was divided up into short stories about different cases the TAPS team had been involved with; before & after Ghost Hunters on Syfy. The second half, *Seeking Spirits*, I ended up skipping most chapters. If I had an interest in ghost hunting the second half

would've been a great reference tool, so full of investigative tips & ideas.

Bea Charmed says

I love reading fantasy, urban fantasy and fiction books with magic. I adore the. But when it comes to real life, I'm more skeptical, not inclined to believe in things supernatural or paranormal. I've never watched a full episode of the TV show "Ghost Files" in the Sci Fi channel (yes, I know it's now called Sy Fy but that's stupid so I use the better, old name) but I have watched a few minutes here and there while channel surfing. What little I saw didn't impress me. So when I was offered this book, I was uncertain. I'm pretty sure I'm not the target audience. Still, in the end, I decided to do it and I enjoyed it, somewhat to my surprise.

As mentioned in the blurb, the book is an omnibus edition, combining two earlier books. The first book, Ghost Hunting, gives a brief history of the T.A.P.S. the organization that the ghost hunters work for and then we get chats of 42 cases from the early years. Some of the cases are from before they got their television show but most are from the show. The main narrator is Jason, with Grant offering a brief synopsis of his thoughts after each case file. Jason Hawes has a light, clear, friendly writing style, like he's talking with you over a beer or coffee. The written case files recap the episodes but also show us their thought processes and reasons for taking or refusing a case. Hawes stresses repeatedly that when they take a case, they are trying to verify possible supernatural activity, using scientific methods. They don't promise that they will certify a place as haunted and have often come away from a case with negative results. In Hawes' words,

"Grant and I insisted on a more rational approach. Before we would ever say a place was home to a supernatural entity, we needed to have proof. It was a significant departure. And it was on that basis that we founded T.A.P.S.-both of us, because the idea was as much Grant's as mine."

The second book, Seeking Spirits, has more cases from their TV show and a few that didn't make it on the show for one reason or another. Hawes and Wilson take turns discussing the cases. Additionally, interspersed between cases, we get mini chapters, titled Ghost Hunters Manual. The mini chapters discuss various entities such as incubus and methods such as hunting at night. I appreciated those glimpses, and for me, they helped clarify some of the decisions they made during their cases. The back also has a glossary of technical terms.

The overall book is easy to read, enjoyable, and can be read out of order if desired. Hawes and Wilson present the evidence and leave it up to the reader to decide for themselves if it proves supernatural activity. I found it a good introduction to their work and may even check out their show. I think that readers who are already fans will appreciate the insights into the people who ghost hunt and their work.

I received this book from the publisher for review.

Rita says

This books is two volumes in one. The first section is descriptions of paranormal investigations by The Atlantic Paranormal Society that eventually grew into the show "Ghost Hunters." It is interesting to read some of the behind the scenes information and the comments made by Jason Hawes and Grant Wilson.

The second section spends more time on the ins-and-outs of investigating with science and proof as the basis.

Again interesting behind the scenes stories of going on hunts without all the "glory" shown on tv. Instead they talk about the hours of sitting in the dark with nothing happening, the hours of going through evidence with no results, and the dangers of being in unknown places dealing with unknown possibilities.

I enjoyed the book and will pass it on to others interested in this field.

Michelle Greathouse says

Ghost Files is a collection of cases from Jason Hawes and Grant Wilson and a novel from Gallery Books.

Book Blurb:

In this hair-raising omnibus, Jason Hawes and Grant Wilson, founders of The Atlantic Paranormal Society (T.A.P.S.), reveal the memorable and spine-tingling cases featured in their smash-hit collections, Ghost Hunting and Seeking Spirits. From their never-seen-on-television adventures as budding paranormal investigators to the behind-the-scenes accounts of heart-pounding supernatural encounters featured on their popular show, these fascinating and frightening real life tales will keep you up at night

About the Authors

Jason Hawes and Grant Wilson head up TAPS, The Atlantic Paranormal Society. Built on Jason and Grant's interest in getting to the bottom of everyday, paranormal occurrences, TAPS is an eclectic but unified bunch. Jason and Grant are plumbers by trade, and their TAPS colleagues are in similarly ordinary professions: factory worker, office manager, teacher. TAPS has developed an impressive reputation for helping people with unusual domestic problems. It has been more than a decade since Jason and Grant first met, and since then TAPS has grown in size and scope to become one of the most respected paranormal-investigation groups in America. It now has branches across the United States and affiliates in 12 other countries. Jason, TAPS' founder, is in his mid-30s and the father of three girls and twin sons. He enjoys spending quality time with his children, deep-sea fishing and writing screenplays. Grant, the father of three young boys, enjoys whipping up a mean Italian dish, writing songs on the piano and guitar and penning a series of high-fantasy novels.

My thoughts:

I've always been a bit skeptical about the whole ghost hunting business. My husband is a huge fan of Ghost Hunters - so when I received a request to review Ghost Files, I agreed - thinking I would get the book for my husband and have him do a guest review.

My husband is not a reader - unless it is something that interests him - and Ghost Files interested him very much. As a matter of fact, he was so interested, I ended up reading the book myself.

I will be honest and say that Mr. Hawes and Mr. Wilson have won me over with the way they go about their investigations. They are sincerely trying to be as scientific as possible - and rule out paranormal activity as the cause for a disturbance.

But when all else has been ruled out - and the proof is staring them in the face, they will confirm paranormal activity.

Ghost Files is a very interesting read.

The first half is Ghost Hunting and it gives a great deal of background on Jason Hawes and the beginning of T.A.P.S.

We are given an account of several cases: who, what, when, where, why if possible and the resolution.

The second half is Seeking Spirits and we learn more about Grant Wilson and what influenced him to seek out more information on paranormal activity.

As in Ghost Hunting, we are given an account of several cases in Seeking Spirits.

I was truly fascinated by Ghost Files.

I give Ghost Files 5 out of 5 stars.

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Angelic says

4.5 Stars

I really enjoyed this collection of tales from the "Ghost Hunters" real experiences. This book contains both of their previous non-fiction titles in one volume, so there are a lot of spine-tingling ghost stories to be read!

The stories are told in the same tone of the show, you'll feel like it's a friend sitting down and telling you the stories. This really makes for an enjoyable read. The stories are all very short, only 3-7 pages each, so they're quick, entertaining reads too.

I really liked the stories from the late 90s and early 2000's because they happened before the tv show started, and were all new stories for me. I was also glad to finally read Jason and Grant's personal experiences with the supernatural that got them started with ghost hunting because they never talk about these experiences on the show.

Each of the stories are so intriguing they could each be expanded into a whole book. They range from the super scary-poltergeists, etc; to the strange-ghosts walking through floors; to the sweet-the 1950s teen curious about a new baby.

Overall, a treat for any fan of ghost stories not just the Ghost Hunters tv show.

sent by publisher in exchange for honest review

Melissa says

As the tiny blurb states, this is two books within one! This is stories from the popular show, Ghost Hunters on the Syfy channel. For those that either do not get the show or are unfamiliar with it, this is a group of people headed by Jason Hawes and Grant Wilson who investigate the paranormal. They do it in a way to prove the paranormal not just say everything is paranormal like you usually get on shows like this. They try to debunk claims of activity as much as possible. This is why I enjoy the show so much. They even have episodes where nothing is going on and they debunk everything. Therefore you tend to pay attention when they are left scratching their heads unable to figure out what is going on.

This book entails expanded stories on some of their shows. Not only does it explain what was missing in the episode, but it brings to light what they were thinking at the time. Some of my favorite cases were in this book. Especially the one in CO at the Stanley Hotel where the Shining by Stephen King was written. Even Steven claims to have had a paranormal experience there. (video added at my blog here)

There are also other stories that never made it to the show. Reasons usually were because people didn't want to be on camera. So all identity was hidden for these stories. What I also like about these guys is that they don't take money for it (even before the show started) and they do what they can to help out families just looking for answers. Even if the answers are mundane. In fact they even fixed a pipe for clients (they are Roto Rooter guys in their other life) to stop the banging they thought were ghosts.

I give this book 4 stars. It is a great compilation of their two books into one! Great idea and also a great book for someone who is a fan of the show. Even if you aren't familiar with it, you get a sense of what they do and why. Plus, even if you don't believe in any of it, I think you can read it for the entertainment value. Maybe you'll find something to wonder about. Who knows? Only thing I have left to say is... guys... smile! You are on the cover of your own book!

Katie Dively says

This is a good read if you're into Ghost Hunters or the paranormal. It's a super quick read, and when it comes to the writing, Grant and Jay should probably stick to their night jobs. I often felt like I was reading a middle schooler's diary. That being said, I'm a total GH fan girl and loved reading about the behind the scenes and never-aired cases!

Todd says

After being introduced to The Atlantic Paranormal Society (TAPS) via Ghost Trackers, I was interested to see the nonfiction side of Jason and Grant as they traveled across New England and beyond in search of anything paranormal. Consisting of a detailed description of some of their more memorable cases, Jason and

Grant have compiled two of their previous books: Ghost Hunting and Seeking Spirits, into one volume, Ghost Files. Additionally, they've also added some personal insights into their own experiences with the paranormal, as well as their takes on what it means to research these perceived hauntings.

Both novels are written in a similar format: descriptions of memorable cases interjected periodically with tips and tricks that Grant and Jason use when they're on a case, or explanations of various technical portions of their occupation. At the end of each book, Jason offers a conclusion that recaps his feelings on various hauntings, as well as predictions on the future of TAPS. At the very end of Ghost Files, Grant and Jason offer a glossary of terms commonly used in the work, as well as a guide to amateur paranormal researchers on the basics of the trade. As a whole, the work is part documentary, part guidebook, mixing the two together in order to show both the entertaining and scientific sides of paranormal research. Jason especially places an emphasis of the scientific method in their research, highlighting its importance in what they do.

Ghost Files was both entertaining and enlightening. It was really interesting to see how much TAPS has grown since its inception, and the length the group will go to find the source of paranormal activity on each case. The care that they treat the individuals with, even in cases where they are being intentionally mislead (as was the case some times), is admirable and shows Grant and Jason's dedication. I especially enjoyed the parts of the book in which they discuss how they approach each case scientifically. As a scientist myself, I definitely agree that this is the best way to tackle these sorts of phenomena, and it gives them a steady set of data that they can look back on to make observations. Overall, this dedication, coupled with an entertaining set of some of their best cases, makes this book a fun and quick read. For anyone new to TAPS, this is a good primer on their organization and it is definitely worth a look!

Todd (Reflections of a Book Addict)

<http://wp.me/p18lIL-G1>

Rie Conley says

This is a combination of Ghost Hunting and Seeking Spirits in one large volume. This is a book that I would never be able to read in one sitting. I'm simply too terrified. Yeah, I'm a scaredy-cat. If you have been reading Mission to Read for any time now you know that those spooky tales such as The Near Witch terrify me.

I like the adrenaline rush occasionally and because I've had experiences I couldn't explain away I do believe in the paranormal (more in the human spirit being something of an unexplored territory than things such as demons) . So I'm highly interested in books and tv shows such as these.

The cases are interesting and explained in a scientific manner, so it makes it bit more believable to skeptics and a little less frightening to those that freak out from the ice machine dropping ice late at night.

This is a book I can see myself reading over a long period of time and coming back to and re-reading passages that intrigue me. There are stories of paranormal that don't have to do with ghosts within this book. Things that have to do with human emotion causing phenomenon.

The personal stories are what make this book. Being able to identify with the investigators makes this book one I want to read in full no matter how scared it makes me.

Gabby says

This is the third book I've read by Jason and Grant so far, and let me say that they have not let me down. Each case had me hooked, and some even left chills running down my spine. Now I really want to meet them. Can't wait to pick up any other books they've put out! (And by the way, I haven't seen the TV show yet, though I'm planning to (!), so I can't say that there were a lot of repeats) (Though there seemed to be some very similar cases between the books).

Matthew Hyde says

The book was a easy read. The problems I had with the book were the over exaggerations on certain things and there was sort of a cocky feel, as in, "We are doing it right and everyone else is wrong in the way they investigate." Not a bad read.
