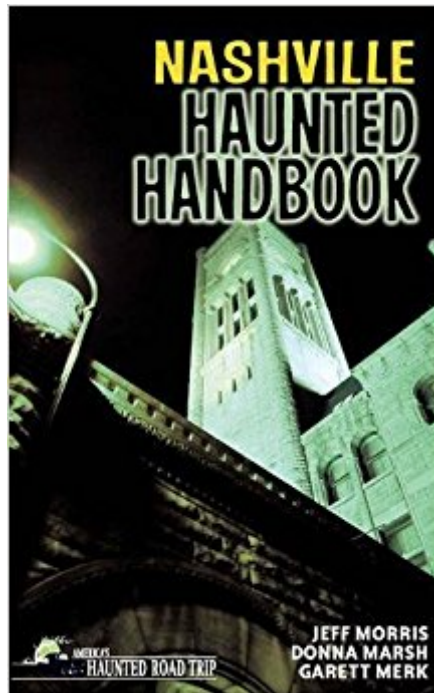




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# Nashville Haunted Handbook (America's Haunted Road Trip)



## Synopsis

Nashville Haunted Handbook is the second book in the new Haunted Handbook line within the popular America's Haunted Road Trip series. The Haunted Handbooks are city-specific travel guides to nearly one hundred places within a major city. Each of the places in Nashville Haunted Handbook is presented in a two-page spread that includes directions, a brief history, details about how the place is haunted, and advice on visiting the place. Each spread also includes one or two photos. The places are organized into sections, including schoolhouses, roads and bridges, hotels and inns, and others. Nashville Haunted Handbook is written with the ghost enthusiast in mind. All 100 chapters contain information on the history as well as the haunting surrounding each location, as well as detailed directions on how to locate each site. Many of the chapters also contain insider information that only a local would know, making it easier for ghost hunters to investigate.

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## Customer Reviews

**EXCERPTS** Dyer Cemetery 8538 Dyer Rd., Rockvale, TN 37153 Directions Take I-24 East for about 23 miles to Exit 74A, TN 840 West toward Franklin. Follow this road for a little more than 2 miles to Exit 50 toward Beesley Road, and then turn left at the end of the exit ramp onto Veterans Parkway. After another 2 miles, turn right onto Franklin Road. Take your second left onto Kingwood Lane. Follow Kingwood for another 2.5 miles before turning right onto Windrow Road. Follow Windrow for 3 miles before angling right onto South Windrow Road. After another mile, turn right onto Dyer

Road. The cemetery is near the end of Dyer Road. History When they needed a place to bury their loved ones, a family in this remote area with the last name of Dyer established the Dyer Cemetery in the early 1800s. Since this property was somewhat remote, it made sense for them to create their family's cemetery on the grounds. Eventually the cemetery fell into the care of the Leathers family who lived nearby. The Leathers family cares for the cemetery today. A strange story circulates about the cemetery. The story takes place in the 1800s, but it is unclear whether the events occurred before or after the Dyer family started using the land as their own. What happened was that three women in a nearby town were accused of being witches and of conspiring with Satan. They fled the town but were followed by a lynch mob to what was or what would become the Dyers property. Eventually the witches were cornered, and the mob hung the witches from a tree and then burned their bodies. Their charred remains were buried where the cemetery is today. Ghost story Victims of the ghosts here are most often initially approached at the front gate. Due to the terrain and the condition of the gate itself, it is difficult to push open in order to enter the cemetery. Many times, though, people who are struggling to open the gate will have it suddenly fling open for no apparent reason. Once inside the gate, there is no lack of ghostly activity. Visitors will encounter shadowy figures that approach quickly and maliciously and then vanish. Footsteps will approach people in the dark of the cemetery, but no one will be there. Most of this activity will occur near the rear of the cemetery. In the front of the cemetery, a cedar tree is rumored to have been the tree where the witches were hung. Near this tree, people will feel a hand grab an arm or shoulder but then turn around and find no one there. Others will feel scratches that resemble either fingernails or straw running down an arm. Sometimes, balls of fire will appear near the tree and will slowly ascend the tree and then disappear. If the story of the witches is actually true, the ghosts seem to be quite upset. Visiting Unfortunately, in order to see the ghosts here you will have to go at night. The strange behavior of the front gate, the shadowy figures, the balls of fire, and the sounds have been exclusively reported after nightfall. From what we can tell, it seems that the cemetery is open after dark. If you do go there at night, make certain that you search for any signs along the road or at the front gate that suggest that the cemetery closes at dusk. These rules are always subject to change, so even if the cemetery is open all night now, that rule may change tomorrow. Also, keep in mind that this cemetery is rather remote. Make sure to keep your safety in mind at all times. Don't go alone. And don't approach the shadowy figures; they may just be real people up to no good. Grave of Granny White Travelers Ridge Drive and Granny White Pike, Nashville, TN 37220 Directions This strange location is about 5 miles outside of downtown Nashville. Simply take 12th Avenue South from the city. After a couple miles, the road changes its name to Granny White Pike. Follow the

same road for another 2.5 to 3 miles until you see Travelers Ridge Drive on your left by the sign that says Inns of Granny White. The grave itself is fenced off at the front of the subdivision. HistoryEarly in 1743, nearly 270 years ago, Granny White was born in North Carolina. Her early life was quite normal for a woman from that area and time. She married a man named Zachariah, had children, and lived happily. Things began to change when her husband was killed at the Battle of the Bluffs in 1781. Granny White, then named Lucy White, was left without money. Things compounded when her son died, leaving her two grandchildren, Thomas and Willis, orphaned. In 1801, the State of North Carolina declared that she was unfit to care for her two grandchildren, so she took them with her and moved to Tennessee, settling on the land where the Inns of Granny White sit today. In order to make enough money to care for her small family, she used the culinary skills that she had developed earlier in her life. She set up an inn and a restaurant that quickly became popular with the weary men who had just traversed the Natchez Trace, which ended four miles from her property. Her ingenuity and business savvy allowed her and her grandchildren to survive. Granny White eventually passed away in 1816 and was buried on her property. The nearby road leading into Nashville was named after her. Ghost storyThe spirit of Granny White lives on despite the fact that she has been dead for almost 200 years. While her memory may have inspired many older people never to give up, in a more literal sense people have encountered the actual spirit of Granny White even today. The story goes that if you were to approach the grave of Granny White at any time of the day or night, you will experience this ghost. Her ghost takes the form of a simple sound. If you stand near the grave, you will supposedly be able to hear the sound of a heartbeat coming from the ground. Sometimes, if you're standing close enough, you can even feel that beating heart through the ground. Granny White's story speaks of an unwillingness to give up despite age and adversity. Perhaps her will still hasn't given out and her heart continues to beat audibly to this day. VisitingThe grave itself is fenced off, but you can still walk close enough to experience its unique ghost. This area near the grave where the ghostly heartbeat can be heard does not close at night. If you want to experience the added creepiness of approaching the grave after dark, there is nothing to stop you from doing so. This doesn't mean that the ghostly heartbeat will only manifest at night. You are more than able to approach the grave during the day as well. Just stand there for a few moments being as still as you can. Most people who try this will eventually hear the sounds of her heart still beating beneath the ground."

Nashville is a place I've always wanted to visit and of course I love ghosts, so when I saw this book about haunted places of Nashville I knew I had to read it. The book is more of a handbook, it just

mentions the places, it's location, website, and a brief history on the hauntings. It was fun to read about the local restaurants, hotels, museums, and theaters that are haunted; some of which are by country musicians or Civil War soldiers. After reading this book, I'm ready to head to Nashville to explore some of these places.

It was fantastic - we used it to do our own unique tour of Nashville!

This a fun, informative book. It was interesting to see different stories of hauntings in and around Nashville. I am not going to pursue the places, but just wanted to read about them, and enjoyed it.

Very interesting ..... Good info.....can't wait to visit some of the places myself. I didn't know Nashville had so many haunted places.

Awesome book

Excellent,,highly recommend

Love it. Bought extra copies for friends.

I'm still reading, so don't have a full review yet. Some of it is quite interesting, but I have tripped over a number of instances where the author's appear to suffer from a lack of local expertise. For example, when discussing Sunnyside Mansion, they caution tourists against visiting the area at night, saying the area is in a very dangerous part of town. That may have been the case 10 or 15 years ago, but the area around Sunnyside, the 12-South district, is now one of the city's most popular, thriving destinations... day and night. The area is perfectly safe, assuming the visitor shows normal caution. Considering one of the authors has lived in Nashville since 1997, I would expect more local awareness. Beyond, that, much of the writing is stilted and disjointed.

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