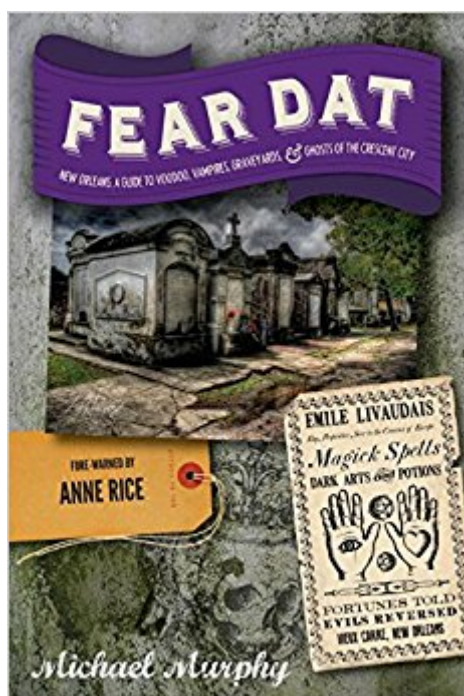


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# Fear Dat New Orleans: A Guide To The Voodoo, Vampires, Graveyards & Ghosts Of The Crescent City



## Synopsis

By the author of the acclaimed *Eat Dat*, a brand-new guide to New Orleans's scary side, from Voodoo rituals to historic cemeteries and haunted mansions *Fear Dat New Orleans* explores the eccentric and often macabre dark corners of America's most unique city. In addition to detailed histories of bizarre burials, ghastly murders, and the greatest concentration of haunted places in America, *Fear Dat* features a "bone watcher's guide" with useful directions of who's buried where, from Marie Laveau to Ruthie the Duck Girl. You'll also find where to buy the most authentic gris-gris or to get the best psychic reading. The Huffington Post tagged Michael Murphy's first book *Eat Dat*, about the city's food culture, the #1 "essential" book to read before coming to New Orleans. New Orleans Living called it "both reverent and irreverent, he manages to bring a sense of humor to serious eating and that's what New Orleans is all about." In *Fear Dat*, Murphy brings similar insights and irreverence to New Orleans voodoo, vampires, graveyards, and ghosts. 75 Color Illustrations

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## Customer Reviews

Michael Murphy, a book publishing professional, has been a vice president at Random House, publisher of William Morrow, and founder of the literary agency Max & Co. By day two of his first visit to New Orleans in 1983, he knew he was home. He finally moved to New Orleans in 2009, and will never leave. Murphy is the author of *Eat Dat*, *Hear Dat*, and *Fear Dat*.

Having moved away from New Orleans a few years back, I bought this book because I was feeling a bit homesick and it delivered exactly what I had hoped it would: the feeling of being home once more. Fear Dat is essentially a guidebook to the city, specifically the dark, gritty, and paranormal side, but at its heart it is so much more than that. Mr. Murphy captures not only the weird and the supernatural, but also the spirit and the wonder of the city and its people. Filled with stories and facts, Murphy also seasons the book with charming anecdotes just as though you were having a conversation with a New Orleanian. Beautifully written, every story, every page, every little aside will make you gasp or laugh, sometimes both at once, while also transporting you to a place the author clearly loves and will make you fall in love with as well. You will get all the information you need about where to eat, stay, and shop in New Orleans, but you will also get all of its endearing charm. In a city that is filled with stories and storytellers, New Orleans is lucky to add Mr. Murphy to her repertoire. This is hands down the best guidebook I've read about the city and I personally can't wait to read Eat Dat and Hear Dat next. Whether you are visiting, missing, or just want to know what that crazy city is like, read Fear Dat and you will get everything you're looking for and more.

I just finished Fear Dat, which I bought in anticipation of my upcoming bucket list birthday trip to New Orleans. The book was amazing, offering interesting background which only increased my intrigue about this historic city, as well as practical advice about how to spend my time there and where I want to go. Michael Murphy is a wonderful writer and has a sarcastic wit that I enjoyed immensely. As I read this book in a hotel lobby, I frequently laughed out loud, drawing attention from passers by. I would just hold up the book, as though that would explain the hilarity the crazy lady in the lobby is obtaining from the book about voodoo, graveyards, vampires and ghosts. Mr. Murphy's love and knowledge of New Orleans is apparent on every page. I now have 2 wonderful events to look forward to: visiting New Orleans, and reading Eat Dat.

The thing I like most about Murphy's writing is the honesty within it. A lot of guides will tell you to visit a certain spot because everyone else does. Murphy does his research, gives his opinion, and lets you decide. It's what I loved about Eat Dat, and what I love about this book. Lots of interesting stories about the dark and interesting history of the city as well. I will carry it with me on any trip back to New Orleans.

Not only was this book fascinating and so very informational, but during my trip I accidentally met

the author!! He is a lovely man and when I visit my favorite city again I will hope to chat with him again!

Interesting voodoo info. Some parts are really dry.

what a wonderful entertaining style Michael Murphy has. And funny. I've only read 20 pages of the book and have laughed out loud a number of times but I'm also impressed with Mr. Murphy's knowledge of New Orleans. A great book! I highly recommend it even if you don't like New Orleans.

I just got this book and read the whole thing, in two days. Very enjoyable book. I'm planning on visiting New Orleans and I will be packing this book. The author seems like a great guy and has a very nice, friendly narrative voice. I enjoyed his fun, funny descriptions. I recommend this book.

Fun read!!!

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