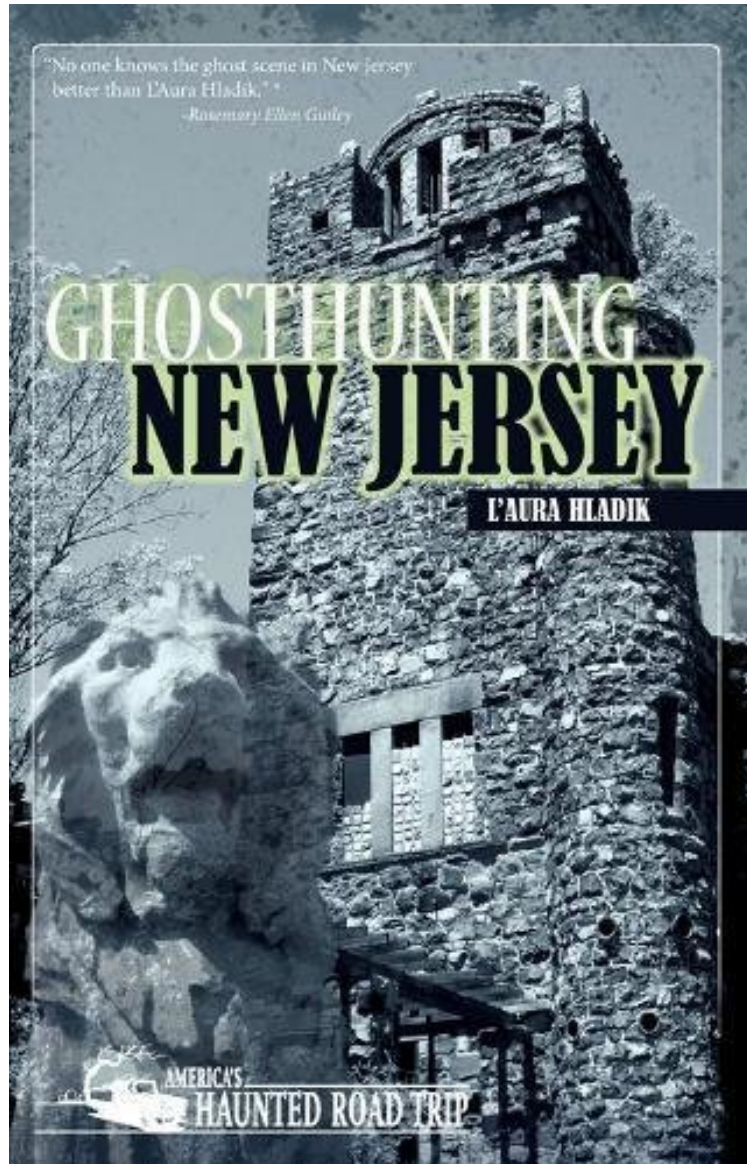


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L'Aura Hladik : Ghosthunting New Jersey (America's Haunted Road Trip) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Ghosthunting New Jersey (America's Haunted Road Trip):

4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. If you believe in orbs.....By Kindle CustomerOk, I feel I have to say something positive instead of just negatives, so here's the good news: the author is a decent writer. As someone who has read hundreds of books about ghosts and ghosthunting, that is not always a given. Now for the bad news.... it

seems that despite a long history of being a ghosthunter all the author has to show for it are lots of orbs. Oh, and "creepy feelings." She doesn't seem to understand how common orbs are in digital photos and is among the small minority of investigators who still believes that they are spirits. If you take these away as paranormal experiences she really has next to nothing to share in these chapters. This is the first book on ghosts I have ever stopped reading (or at least skimming) before the end. Two thirds was all I could get through. I need to say here that I do not know the author, have no grudge or any agenda other than to share my honest opinion with others so they can make up their minds whether to spend money on this. Reading this book I felt like I had bitten into a delicious looking dessert to find it was merely air with no substance. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Ghost Hunting NJ By Lazy Dazy This is a used paperback copy, which arrived in extremely good condition; the order as well as the shipment and receipt were the "usual" for AMAZON, which is really excellent and I am a rather long time customer so I feel that I've not had any problems in the past and continue to feel confident in shopping for both new and used items. This book in particular was informative but at times, rather "wordy" and the author tended to ramble on but was basically interesting overall; therefore. I do not know if I would recommend it to others or not. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Used for genealogy research By CMK Having an ancestor who was acquitted in a murder case, I wanted more information. This book was the only one in print that wrote about the incident, listing other names involved to the crime. It helped to know how my ancestor knew and was related to those who were hanged. I only read the part that pertained to my shirt tail ancestor. I will go back and read the other stories that picked my interest about ghosts.

On this leg of the journey you'll explore the scariest spots in the Garden State. Author L'Aura Hladik visits 34 legendary haunted places, all of which are open to the public--so you can test your own ghosthunting skills, if you dare. Join L'Aura as she personally visits each site, snooping around eerie rooms and dark corners, talking to people who swear to their paranormal experiences, and giving you a first-hand account. You'll go to: The Spy House--one of the most haunted sites on the Eastern Seaboard, which is home to several ghosts The Proprietary House--haunted by the ghost of a little boy, a Revolutionary War soldier, and others who occupy the ladies' room Centenary College--where a ghost known as Tillie Smith has been seen on the campus grounds and in her old dormitory, as well as Union Cemetery in Hackettstown Enjoy Ghosthunting New Jersey from the safety of your armchair or hit the road, using the maps, "Haunted Places" travel guide, and "Ghostly Resources." Buckle up and get ready for the spookiest ride of your life.

From the Inside Flap EXCERPTS Bell Mansion - Stanhope Bell's Mansion today is a thriving restaurant in Stanhope. Chef Martin Kowalski has created a menu packed with mouth-watering delights. And after taking a seat at the gorgeous bar, built in the late 1800s for the Palmerton Hotel in Pennsylvania, one can enjoy a wide selection of top-shelf spirits. The house itself was constructed between 1835 and 1840 by Robert P. Bell. He was wealthy and owned various mills in addition to being president of the Morris Canal Banking Company. His mansion's view of the Morris Canal was the product of fellow Morristown businessman George Macculloch. Many parks still permit public access to this historic, 102-mile canal throughout Warren and Morris counties. Bell's Mansion went through several owners after Robert Bell but remained in the Salmon family the longest. Herbert Salmon bought the mansion in 1905 and died there in 1977, at the age of 99. The house fell into decay during the 1980s and 1990s until it was purchased by Bob and Jean Duda in 2001. They went on to create their living quarters on the second floor and designed the restaurant and bar on the first floor. A few years ago I went to have dinner and investigate the restaurant with a friend of mine, Nichole. As a young girl, Nichole, along with her brother, sneaked into the mansion while it was vacant and decaying. A Stanhope native, Nichole had been at summer camp one year when she heard a girl from a completely different town tell a story about the doll that was supposedly in the attic of the Bell's Mansion. Nichole and her brother were on a mission to retrieve that fabled doll when they were caught. She said that they got as far as the main foyer and were about to go up the stairs when a caretaker who lived nearby saw their bicycles near the house and escorted them from the premises. Actually, Nichole was lucky that the caretaker made them leave when he did. The staircase they were about to ascend was in shambles, and they stood a good chance of falling through it and being severely injured, with no way to get help. Nichole told me the haunted doll story over dinner. Sceptic that I am, I listened intently while classifying the story in my head as an urban legend. But I admit it makes for a great summer campfire ghost story, and it goes like this: One day a young engaged couple came to see the lovely Bell's Mansion and decided to purchase it to live in after their wedding. The young lady moved in and began to fix it up while her fiance continued to live at his premarital address. Her fiance was away on a business trip during her bridal shower, but she received many gifts, one of which was a beautiful porcelain doll. She had the gifts in her car to get them home, but she did not want to damage the porcelain doll, so she kept that on the front seat with her while she drove home. On the way, she swore she heard the doll say to her, "Don't go through with the wedding! Something terrible will happen." The bride-to-be wrote this off to being exhausted from the long bridal shower. Once she was home, she unloaded the gifts into the house and took the doll up to her bedroom. While she ran her shower and prepared to get ready for bed, she heard the doll issue its warning once more: "Don't go through with the wedding! Something terrible will happen." At this point, she grabbed

the doll and took it up to the attic and left it there. She never mentioned the bizarre warning to her fiance, and they were married as planned. They had a lovely ceremony and hit the dance floor at their reception for their first dance as husband and wife. As they swirled around and around, gazing into each other's eyes, the large chandelier above them came crashing down. They were killed instantly. When Nichole brought up the story to the owners' daughter, Tracey, she claimed that she had been up in the attic when they were renovating and no such doll was ever found. Tracey introduced us to her parents, Bob and Jean Duda. They were kind enough to let us into their private living quarters upstairs. I took some digital pictures and captured an orb in one bedroom. Bob was skeptical of the ghostly phenomena but accepting of the stories he had heard from his wife and his wait staff. In fact, Jean had her prime ghost encounter while seated at the bar one evening with Bob right there. They were talking with the bartender when Jean felt a hand on her upper back. She described it as being a light, open-handed pressure between her shoulder blades as if someone were either trying to get her attention or to squeeze in between her and Bob to place a drink order. She turned around to see who it was and found no one there. We made our way down to the basement. It has a huge cistern along with storage racks, extra dining chairs, and racks with various canned goods and catering supplies. I managed to capture an orb at one end of this area and again at the opposite end under the stairwell. The other side of the basement was more peaceful. This was the family's storage area. Old toys, holiday decorations, and furniture were stored here. I didn't capture any orb anomalies, but definitely felt the "creep factor" in this area. Nichole and I concluded the night was a success. She was thrilled by the fact that her childhood dream of exploring the mansion had finally become reality. She covered every inch of the mansion, save for the attic. Amidst patrons, waiters, bar room music and general restaurant chaos, I captured two orbs with my camera; that was impressive. In September of that same year, my team from the NJGHS and I went to investigate Bell's Mansion more formally. We were being filmed for a local cable TV show called Neighborhood Journal. This time we met the Dudas there on a Monday evening, when the restaurant was closed. It was a hot and humid Indian summer night, with camera lights making it even hotter. Thankfully, we got through that part rather quickly and got down to ghost-hunting business. The TV crew interviewed Matthew Lott, a server at the restaurant. He told them about the night he was cleaning off some tables in the Canal Room after closing. The room used to be a porch but was enclosed to serve as a dining room. As he was cleaning this particular table, he looked up through a window to the adjoining small dining room, and he saw a woman sitting at a table staring out toward the parking lot. He watched her for a good ten seconds and then entered the dining room to ask her to leave since the restaurant was closed. By the time he reached her table, she had disappeared. The only way out of the dining room was the very doorway he had just passed through. He didn't see or hear anyone go by him or down the hallway. She simply vanished. He came out of the dining room and was very shaken. Bob recalls that Matt was "as white as a ghost." Yes, Bob added the disclaimer "no pun intended." Bob noted that he's had several other busboys witness this female ghost and turn in their aprons abruptly, without another job to go to. We needed to re-create this scene for the television show. One of our team members, Sherry Irish, was kind enough to let me put up her hair and dress her in the costume that best brought to life the ghostly image that Matt witnessed. Prior to filming Sherry's debut as a female ghost, NJGHS technical advisor Brian Sandt recorded some unusual EMF readings in this dining room. Team member Dina Chirico took pictures of Brian while he was scanning with the EMF meter. In one picture, a small orb appeared right next to the word "ghosts?" on the back of Brian's NJGHS T-shirt. Team member Gregory Irish also photographed this orb along the floor and two others by the fireplace with his digital camera. For a paranormal investigator, it's a mark of achievement when more than one device picks up an anomaly concurrently. We concluded the investigation and spent the next several days reviewing our data. The orb pictures could not be disqualified as dust or pollen. There were several frames before and after each of these orb shots that had no such anomalies. No EVPs were collected. Many people have made the pilgrimage to the Haunted Mansion in Disney's theme parks. Bell's Mansion is not as holographically infested but is definitely not as pricey to get into. It's well worth the trip for a great meal and a chance to dine along with a real ghost. Bon appetit!