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What is it about the McBride House that serves as a beacon to the dead? Built in the oldest town in Oklahoma by physician George McBride in 1895, this Victorian home is rife with ghosts from the past. Ghostly parties at 2:00 a.m., spirits calling family members and houseguests by name, dolls that talk even after the batteries have been removed...The Back family has been subjected to impossibly bright lights, loud crashing noises, weird shrieks--even ominous odors such as decaying matter.

Each ghost in the McBride House has a personality of its own, including one entity whose antics are downright terrifying. But instead of fleeing, the Back family remained and gradually got to know their "spirited" residents.

This is their story.

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Jennifer says

In the spirit of Halloween I have a yearly ritual where I read as many ghosts and paranormal books as possible in the month of October. I get a kick out of discovering new authors and rereading some old classics. This book is like many other books that describes a family's personal encounter with a ghost. The family purchases a home that seems almost too good to be true and realizes rather quickly that the home is not what they wanted. The author is recounting a first hand experience of her personal encounters with the entity and paints a picture of daily terror. She describes furniture being moved, seeing full apparitions, finding ghost children in her house, and living in perpetual fear of non-living beings.

I really struggled with this book and made a genuine attempt at liking it. I wanted to give the author the benefit of the doubt, but honestly do not believe this is a true recollection of a haunting. I say this since many of her situations border on the outlandish and unrealistic. An example is her and her husband hearing ghosts parties late at night that would last until the early hours of the morning. Children appearing and disappearing before her eyes. The author also states that she is able to communicate with the spirits and feels that at times she was able to have an almost normal conversation with them. I personally believe that the author believes she has had some profound experiences, but I just cannot accept the story as true. I say her book is filled with heavy embellishments and creative exaggerations. I feel it is more fiction than fact and believe the book's title should state that it is based off a true encounter. I feel that the title is somewhat misleading and not accurate. If you like ghost stories in general than I would check this book out at the local library, but other than that I cannot recommend this book.

Courtney says

I liked it. It was interesting to read about someone living with that kind of thing day to day. Some stuff, though...

I'd read a journal entry before (online) by someone who grew up in a haunted house. They had two ghosts, one child and one adult, and it seemed odd when Back would talk about seeing the ghosts, and their 'cold, sharp eyes' or however she put it, when the LJ entry, while mentioning very similar incidences (actually seeing the ghost, or one episode where the ghost was throwing things at someone) had much more toned-down reactions. Back's account of her reactions come across as a little exaggerated at times, I guess. Maybe they were trying to make the ghosts seem scarier to provide readers with a thrill?

Also something completely irrelevant to the story - a couple of times she mentions the bedrooms in the house, like her husband having the masters suite, and her moving from what was her room to the pink room... is this like Southern U.S. thing? It just seems really weird to me, like something from the 1800s...

Heather says

Very interesting first hand account of the supernatural goings on in her family's home. Haunted by the

original owner, a Victorian woman and two children, the family learned to live WITH the ghosts despite the fear they feel at times at their antics. Easy read - read in one evening.

Marie says

This was a pretty good book, but it is not a normal spooky true paranormal read. It is about ghosts that live in the house of the author and how her and her family coped with them. The book lagged at times and I just read it to get through it. Giving it 3 stars for effort.

Ginny Grzech says

I just didn't really like this book. It was just okay. The story just seemed to jump around a bit and I just had a hard time wanting to finish it.

Peyton says

This book was an easy read. You can tell the author isn't really an...author? She's just a normal woman who wrote about her experiences living in a haunted house. I think if I tried to write a book, it would come out the same way!

If you are interested in the history of Oklahoma or Civil War history, you would probably enjoy this book. If you are a total skeptic and poo-poo the idea of ghosts, don't bother.

Amanda says

I tried pushing through but I just couldn't finish this seemingly easy read. The book really could have used an editor or a co-author who is more familiar with storytelling.

I also found it harder to believe that a 4 year old child spoke in coherent, complex sentences ("Mother, who was the man that walked down the stairs and went into our bathroom?") than I did their house being haunted.

Sarah - All The Book Blog Names Are Taken says

Not a terrible account, but not the best I have ever read. See my full review over on my blog:
<https://allthebookblognamesaretaken.b...>

Jamie says

Great book! I'm a total believer in ghosts and found this book riveting!

Kerry says

I have mixed feelings about this book. on the one hand, I enjoy reading about the experiences of those living in a haunted house. On the other hand, this family wavered between frightened and indifferent. Further reading suggests they may no longer live there. As always, I wish more history of the alleged hauntings would be revealed.

Whitewash says

Excellent! Has Been added to my collection.

Jessi says

An absolutely great, quick read! I live about 15 miles from this house and had heard rumors about it that gave me delicious chills! I was so excited when the library got a copy of this book by a woman who lived in the home for 25 years. Her ex-husband stills lives there now, but sadly the home is in desperate need of repair. Unfortunately, repairs are most likely to not happen unless some brave souls decide to make it work even with the problems that will most surely arise. Apparently Dr. McBride, original builder and *still active* resident in the home is not much of a fan of people changing his beautiful home. Many of the original pieces are still part of the house, but remaking it with the completely same materials is next to impossible and Dr. McBride seems to take offense to this. Past experiences in restoration proved difficult and workmen were often scared off the site from the scary ghost boy who kept looking out the windows at them! It's such a creepy tale, but one of love as well! The family loved the home and began to think of their 4 ghosts as part of the family, too. They defended them, showed them off, conversed with them and were scared by them! I think it's a fantastic read, one that I finished in hours and tomorrow I am going to drive to see the house in the flesh! Supposedly, drive-by stalkers sometimes see a face of one of the ghosts peeking out the window. I surely hope to see one! My friend knows the owner, so I will do my best to get a personal tour one day!! I loved reading about this family's personal experience with such a famous, beautiful, historical home.

Casey says

Really hard to put down. I definitely enjoyed it.

Emily says

I love ghost stories and this was a good one! True story of a family living in an old mansion that they come to find is haunted, really haunted... and they still live there.

Megan Vanbuskirk says

It was a fun, quick read. At several points in the book I got the sense that the "ghosts" were a pretty big source of profit for this family, and their conversations had me rolling my eyes several times. It had some spooky moments to make up for the annoying ones. Definitely a light fun read if you don't take it too seriously.
