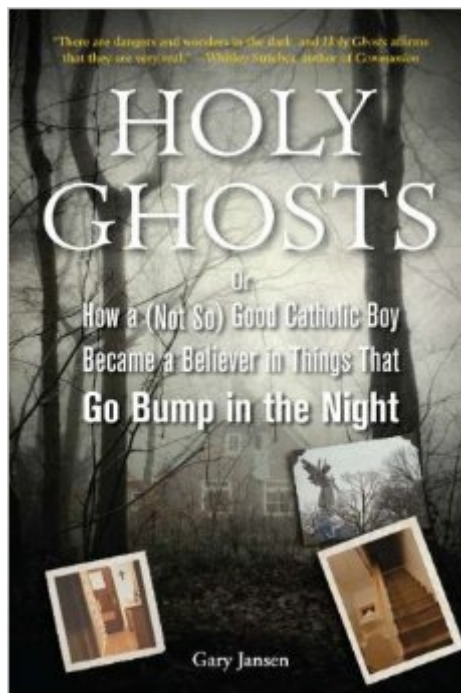


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# Holy Ghosts: Or, How A (Not So) Good Catholic Boy Became A Believer In Things That Go Bump In The Night



## Synopsis

The extraordinary true story of a Long Island household haunting that forced a respected writer to confront the truth about life, death, his childhood home, and his town's past.

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I've never really believed in ghosts. Movies like *The Sixth Sense* and *The Ring* scared the living daylights out of me, but I never considered them to be serious pictures of reality. I've long had a strong belief in the supernatural, but I've always believed that "hauntings" and "mysterious events" could each be chalked up to rational causes. However, *Holy Ghosts*, a new book by Gary Jansen, has made me question some of my prior assumptions. The book is somewhat of a spiritual memoir, describing a year-long haunting Jansen experienced and the religious journey that resulted. A good Catholic, Jansen was unsure whether to consider his haunting to be legitimate. But as he was researching a book on Catholic spirituality, he stumbled across some writings on ghosts from theologian Fr. John Hardon. Surprisingly, he found that the Church doesn't outright reject ghosts. In fact, he discovered quite the opposite: the Church not only accepts the existence of ghosts, but has a rich history of ghostly phenomena. Jansen learns how St. John Bosco encountered the ghost of his best friend, who visited Bosco to assure him that he had been saved. Many other Saints, like Alphonsus Liguori--bi-location--and Teresa of Avila--levitation--exhibited mystical events unexplainable by natural causes. Jansen also brushes upon St. Ignatius of Loyola and his "discernment of spirits", which helped him determine whether his supernatural encounters were good, harmless, or evil. *Holy Ghosts* is an engaging story from cover to cover, in part because

Jansen is such a gifted writer. He writes very descriptively, and he's also a master of suspense, ending most chapters with some kind of shocking cliff-hanger.

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