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# **So You *Still* Want To Be a Ghost Hunter**

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## **Preface**

I started my research of the paranormal in 2006. I did this to satisfy my own curiosity. I have had personal experiences in the past and had many questions. My mission was to help people thinking they are haunted. My first group has been together also since 2006 and I was a co-founder. I left in 2017. In January 2018 I started a new group. We are a small group we service Illinois and Iowa. But we network with other groups across the country.

With the incredible number of people now interested in the paranormal and the misconception of what we do, we decided to give a few beginning ideas on ghost hunting.

This is a brief book and gives you an idea on the mindset and some equipment that will be needed. A lot of time has been put into our group and money as well. We have made mistakes but overcame them with honors.

Ghost hunting is not for everyone and sometimes an inexperience person can create more problems than solve.

With a general knowledge you can learn and grow as an investigator. But until then it's hard to know what is wrong and what is right.

Please enjoy...



## **The Beginning**

So you still want to be a ghost hunter? This book has similar content to So You Want To Be A Ghost Hunter, but that book is no longer in print. But here is the biggest question. Why? Did you see a television show that got you thinking “Hey I can do that.”? Or maybe you want the hell scared out of you? My reasons are things that happened to me in the past and I wanted answers. In fact most of my team researches for the same reason.

If you think what you see on TV is cool, great! But probably two days of investigating and many hours analyzing went into that thirty minute show. A six hours investigation usually takes around sixty hours to go over all the data and maybe we will find around ten minutes that we can present to a client. That is if we find anything at all.

Sometimes what we find is natural to the area. There are other times that we have nothing at all. At that point we keep in contact with the client and see if the activity comes back. If it does we conduct another investigation.

Now you want to be scared? Well in October there are many haunted houses popping up and many theme parks have things that would scare you. And if you really want to be scared I could send you a picture of my ex-wife. Ghost hunting is not the thing to do if you want to be scared. In fact many times you don't know anything changed until you start analyzing the data.

Now that you have a reason, you have to think about how. This is not something you just jump into. Too many people are just running around trying to capture a ghost on film illegally and get in big trouble. Cemeteries may be a great place to start but many states have laws where you cannot be in there after dark. Abandoned buildings always seem creepy, but once again trespassing laws can get you a new pair of bracelets.

The best way that you can start is find a local group and put in an application to join. This way you can learn from their combined knowledge and experience. Plus they should already have equipment for the group to use.

Be careful about choosing a group because there are many fakes just like everywhere else. If the group charges for an investigation, they must know something we don't know. How can you charge for a service that works on theories? If their business card is on a dirty napkin, they are probably going to disband next week after they get money from you.

Now if you want to start your own group, good luck! It's hard and expensive. There is equipment needed, team members, and the most important is a location. The last is the hardest.

A lot of people think if you make a website saying you're a paranormal investigator others will be running towards you. Most of the time they run away from you. Building a reputation is a hard thing to do. There are many skeptics

in the world waiting to disprove everything you do. With that you must make sure it's credible and have the evidence unaltered to present to the public.

Since there have been so many shows come and go, this field has really come under attack. So you have to have thick skin and don't let one person ruin it for you. It is way better to agree to disagree then get into a shouting match.

The way we started was doing outside investigations at public locations and also at member's homes as practice investigations. Then the funniest thing happened! Someone wanted us to investigate their house. Then another, and another. We got businesses and even the US Army. How freaking cool is that! We have worked with local government agencies as well. My old group was featured in an online pay per view and on a full length documentary. I have come a long way in the last twelve years.

Many members have been in the groups since the beginning but some have come and gone. Some even started other groups, and others left due to family situations. But we have always been a group that supports each other.

This book was made to help you to get started and to also share some experiences of our group. Ghost hunting isn't for everyone and may not be for you. This will walk you step by step through the beginning stages. We will go through equipment, standard terms, and some basic guidelines. Good luck and happy hunting!