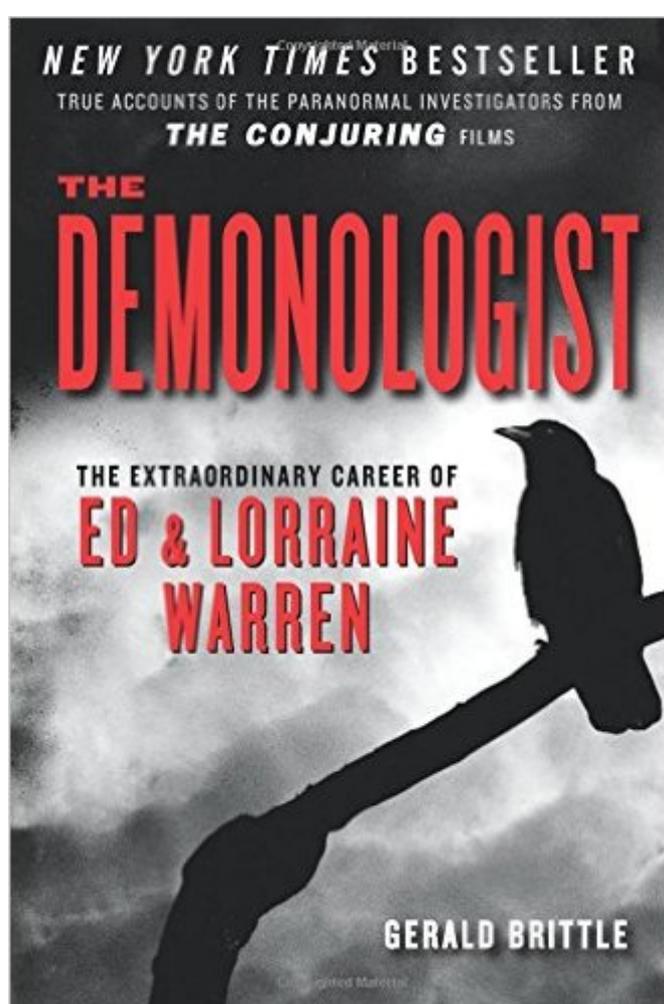


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The Demonologist: The Extraordinary Career Of Ed And Lorraine Warren (The Paranormal Investigators Featured In The Film "The Conjuring")



Synopsis

If you think ghosts are only responsible for hauntings, think again. This New York Times Best Seller reveals the grave religious process behind supernatural events and how it can happen to you. Used as a text in seminaries and classrooms, this is one book you can't put down. For over five decades Ed and Loraine Warren have been considered America's foremost experts on demonology and exorcism. With thousands of investigations to their credit, they reveal what actually breaks the peace in haunted houses. Chapters include Annabelle and The Enfield Poltergeist. Don't miss the the Warrens in the hit film 'The Conjuring' and the upcoming film 'The Conjuring 2: The Enfield Poltergeist' in theaters June, 2016.

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Customer Reviews

I know I was not prepared for this. I love horror movies and books, have seen the Exorcist, the Omen, Rosemary's Baby, The Exorcist III, etc. I have read both the Exorcist and it's sequel, Legion. And I have even seen the Warrens' seminar four times. I sat down with this book expecting a good scare and some good entertainment. What I got was something else altogether. To start, The Exorcist is a cakewalk compared to this. It puts any Stephen King or H. P. Lovecraft story to shame. It's simply the most frightening book I have ever read. This is partly due to how convincing it is and partly do to how it portrays real horror. It describes the intelligence and strategy of the demonic spirit, and the insanity, terror, and consequences they're capable of. The Exorcist seems like a very mild case of exorcism after reading this. But more importantly, this book makes you think. It wasn't written to scare or even to shock. It was written to inform. I didn't come into this a believer, either in

the supernatural or religion. I was a curious enthusiast who found the Warrens to be fascinating, even if they are just conartists. (Maybe they are, maybe they aren't. I don't care.) But since I've finished it I've had to completely reevaluate my stance on religion. I think it gives a deeper understanding of true evil and a very real God. This book didn't make me run out and find Jesus, but it did make me rethink religion. One very important reason for this is that the book, even though the Warrens are Catholics, doesn't cater to one faith. Instead it paints a picture of religion that includes all faiths. It basically backs up the belief that all major religions worship the same God, just in different ways.

This is extraordinarily terrifying non-fiction. First off all I can safely say that many would find themselves better off not reading this book if they are of a nervous disposition. It is extremely serious in tone and probably one of the most compelling dissertations on the phenomena of ghosts, spirits and demons that I have come across. This is not your casual, "I saw a ghost floating across a room in a haunted house" or "I felt a cold spot in my bedroom and watched a glowing orb" type ghost book. It is more along the lines of "This entity was ripping my living room to shreds, writing obscene messages on the walls and appearing behind me as a disfigured monk with no eyes who then proceeded to attack me while my family screamed in terror as they huddled together on the staircase." I was really unsure of what I was getting myself into here. I heard that this book had a cult following and that Stephen King basically calls it his best book of reference. I was aware that this book was about two "ghost hunters" - Ed and Lorraine Warren and covers some of their research, spanning some 60 years, along with various case studies. What I did not know is that this book actually makes a valid statement on the entire issue of haunted houses, ghosts and demons and even goes into elaborate explanations for these phenomena. Truth be told I have read some highly professional books on this very topic before. Here is a word of advice. If you are seriously interested in learning more about the Occult then read "The Tibetan Book of the Dead" by W.Y.Evans-Wentz. It has forward by Jung. It is an ancient Tibetan Holy book that elaborates on and explains many different types of psychic phenomena but the book is not classed as such.

It's understandable that most people would dismiss a book like this out of hand. However, considering that this book really does stand in a league of its own, it would be the reader's loss to give this a miss. I've read widely in many genres including the "ghost/spirit" genre. As a librarian, it has been my job to review non-fiction books of all varieties and judge them for quality. I also have a bit of an interest in the topic personally. So, when I say this book is most recommended, and is in

fact in my Top Ten Non-Fiction List, I sincerely mean what I am saying. I know that the subject seems a bit ... cheesy. Frankly, it's been done to death (no pun intended), but it has never been done RIGHT until Mr. Brittle's book came along. Conjecture, sensationalism, corniness, New Age claptrap -- I wouldn't blame you if you thought this book was just another lame "Magic for Dummies" type offering. HOWEVER: 1. This book was meticulously researched and documented. 2. This book does not contain anything remotely cheesy. In fact, the cases in this book are explored with a brisk, no-nonsense tone. 3. The pictures included are worth seeing. 4. Ed and Lorraine Warren did not collect phat paychex for going into haunted houses. In fact, they did all of their work for free. Contrast that with many of the so-called "psychic researchers" we see on TV today. 5. This book reads more like a textbook than it does anything else. 6. This book does not try to push religion or in fact any viewpoint down the reader's throat. The facts are presented and you are left to make up your own mind. 7. Ed and Lorraine kick b*tt and make no apologies for their beliefs.

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