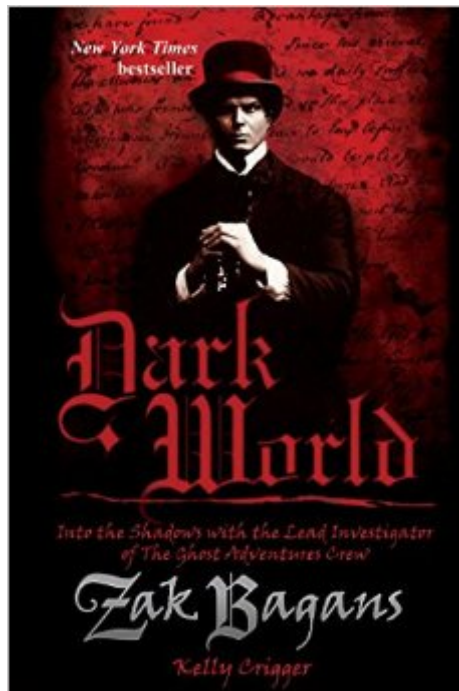


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Dark World: Into The Shadows With The Lead Investigator Of The Ghost Adventures Crew



Synopsis

It's easy to say ghosts exist or don't exist. Anyone can do that. Trying to figure out the why or what is a different story. Paranormal investigator Zak Bagans, host of the popular Travel Channel series Ghost Adventures, pulls from his years of experience with paranormal activities and unexplained phenomena to provide an evenhanded look at a divisive subject. In Dark World, regardless of whether you believe in the afterlife or not, Zak does his best to find and share answers to the phenomena that people encounter. He wants you to experience a haunting through his eyes: to feel what it's like to be scared, freaked out, pushed, cold, sluggish, whispered-at and touched by an ethereal being or attacked by a demonic spirit. But beyond simply experiencing these events, Zak is looking for the reasons behind them, searching for answers to the unanswered questions. Addressing all the major issues and theories of the field in an impartial way, Dark World is a must read for paranormal enthusiasts, those who don't believe and anyone who's ever wondered about things that go bump in the night.

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Customer Reviews

I love Zak Bagans and Ghost Adventures, that's why I was so excited when I preordered this book. Sadly I was rather disappointed. Zak is very passionate about his work in the paranormal, and I admire that. Other than the story of his first "ghostly encounter" in his apartment in Trenton, Michigan, most of the book is a re-write of Ghost Adventures. I was just expecting more in terms of talking about different encounters. I remember every one of the episodes he referred to in the book,

nothing was new to me. I did enjoy the theories he had in how some of the paranormal exists. Its a decent first book for Zak, I hope he improves as he continues to write. I look forward to continuing to follow him through his adventures. Would love to see him go back to his old apartment for a lock down.

I must say that perhaps I had biases before reading the book based on my expectations. I thoroughly enjoyed much of his commentary on paranormal phenomena, research, technical terms, future, etc., but I wanted to see more of "him" in this book. I'm an enormous Ghost Adventures fan and I've been so excited with the show and its mission to not only prove that ghosts/paranormal exist, but also to verify the paranormal as something that should be considered more than just Halloween entertainment. But in strictly reviewing the book as itself, it's not a strong read. I constantly found myself wanting to know more; show me something other than what episodes of Ghost Adventures can tell you. His childhood history and his initial involvement with the paranormal was fascinating to learn about, but it was glossed over with telling statements rather than showing details. This pattern continues throughout the book. I want to know more about him and the experience. Each described paranormal experience was simply a summation of what he commentates on episodes of the show. Rather than just listing why you've had problems with ghosts and demons involved in your love life, take us to these moments. Show your reader instead of having us take your word for it. I wanted to really know what happened. And this is just one example. Ultimately, it was a bit of a disappointment but it does provide some great perspective into the world of paranormal investigating. I hope he writes another book and satiates my appetite for a more specific look into "him" rather than just the paranormal. Oh, and by all means will I continue to watch the show and remain a die-hard Ghost Adventures fan.

Ghost Adventure fans will love this fascinating look inside the world of Zak Bagans. Written in a casual style that's enjoyable to read Dark World is a surprisingly candid account of Zak's paranormal experiences both on and off camera, spiced with fun trivia, personal photos, ghost-hunting tips, and philosophical musings. A definite must-have for his fans or anyone else who's ever been curious what makes this guy tick.

Yes Zak does bring up a lot of the shows and some things that if you watch it may already know but how could he not, in attempts to explain the paranormal world that lives and surrounds us all even if we may not be sensitive to it or maybe not quite believe everything that he does. I only very recently

really started watching it though I had seen some episodes here and there and have watched several different other shows of similar background and there are times where I still remain highly skeptical about it all and other times where I truly believe that not all those who have passed on have completely left us. He explains his experiences, the paranormal community which tends to be scoffed at in general and yet people remain fascinated and almost everyone to some degree believes that there is something beyond death that sometimes holds people back from crossing over to eternal rest. It was a fascinating read, and an interesting look into how much farther the paranormal community still needs to go into being recognized as something more than just a passing fanciful moment.....

Zak's book does tend to just rehash some of the episodes that a "Ghost Adventures" fan is already familiar with, but I did enjoy reading the tidbits about his early pre-G.A. days, his social phobia, and some of the behind the scenes stuff (like being followed by the supposed vampires!) Glad he included the section, "So you want to date me"--lol! Guess he knows his fans well. The last section where other paranormal investigators say where they think the field is going is interesting, but I feel like the section that theorizes on how paranormal things could exist scientifically is kind of loose--you read it thinking, "yeah, right. Next theory!" But he does make a good point that you can collect a million EVPs and photos and videos and you're not going to make a skeptic believe--ghost hunters need to come up with a way to predict this phenomena scientifically to gain credibility. While the book does lack pictures of Zak with his shirt off, Aaron interjecting "Dude!" every once in a while, some of the theories are hokey, and there isn't much new material, overall, I thought it was entertaining and a quick and easy read. I look forward to more works by Zak in the future.

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