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Three years ago, a father, mother, and son murdered each other at home—a bloody tragedy that would later be known as the Moriarty Massacre. Only the youngest son, Eamon, survived that horrific night.

Now the Rossellis, the family currently living in the home, are experiencing strange phenomena. The phone rings randomly, a bloodlike stain continually reappears in the dining room, and their son, Billy, is talking to someone. Someone nobody can see and only Billy can hear.

The Rossellis hire Tim and Eddie McCloskey, local ghost hunters, to investigate. As the case quickly develops, their investigation takes dark turns as they race against time to find a missing boy. And as Tim and Eddie discover some terrifying similarities between the Moriartys and the Rossellis, they realize another massacre might be around the corner, and only they can stop it.

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Zane says

Sadness.

I like books about ghostly spirits. I like books about the supernatural. I liked this book a lot, though I must say I would have liked it more if it didn't have such a sad ending.

Renee Entress says

4 star

The story has laughs, pain, suspense, and murder. Lots of paranormal things happening that keep the twists and turns coming during the story.

After a Massacre in a house a new family has moved in. Now they are experiencing weird things happening. With the 3 year anniversary coming up they call in a team of ghost hunters to help investigate the paranormal happenings. The two brothers and their team get right to working trying to make contact. Who is really behind all the weird things that are happening? Will the ghost hunters be able to solve the mystery before it hurts or ends up killing one or all of them?

Lots of twists and turns during this story. You really never knew what was going to happen next. All the characters were interesting but some of them also had their own little mystery that needed solved.

I highly recommend this book and can't wait for the next story from this author.

Cats of Ulthar says

UNEARTHED is not just a frightening Supernatural, it's also a character study, and oddly, this aspect is probably what I enjoyed most. The premise--a residence which three years ago had been the site of brutal inter-familial violence now seems to be "haunting" the newest owners--has been played before, in fiction and film (The Amityville Horror, anyone? Jay Anson's "666"? Anne River Siddons' "The House Next Door?" and many, many more) But whether an early author, screenwriter, or playwright has couched this premise is immaterial. What we want to know is: What does Evan Ronan do with it?

Well, Gentle Readers, he gives us character study--and lots of them. He intriguingly weaves backstory, offstage story (the lives of characters away from the House), local history and local color. He gives us himself as a character in the story, and he is unafraid to be vulnerable.

The central question here is not so much "What happened? Why?" It's not even is this house/lot/land supernaturally possessed? No, the real question is: What are these characters going to do? Three years ago, the Moriarty Family chose one bloody irredeemable option. Now what will the new residents, the Rosselli

Family, choose?

And what will the amateur ghost hunters they've contracted find? Will either of the ghost hunting brothers recover accurate memory of the accident which took their parent's lives?

There's a tremendous amount of resonance between the earlier family and the current family, and between the earlier family and the ghost hunters' past. Now the reader must determine who--or what--is plucking the strings of these resonations.

Nancy Silk says

"One Of The Best Paranormal Thrillers"

I'm not a big paranormal fan, but I have to say, this one really gripped me to the very end. It deals with an apparent haunted house which investigators have been hired by the current Jack Roselli. His wife is Talia, his son Billy, 13 years old. Three years ago, their house is where three people had been murdered. Investigators Eddie and Tim McCloskey had never been inside the haunted house which was previously owned by the murdered Moriarty family. The new owner, Jack, welcomes them and they unpack their equipment. Tim is the older brother of Eddie, who seem to have different opinions during their investigations. While the Rosellis have only lived in the house for six months, there have been many events: Billy has heard the voice of a boy around his own age and they converse together; Talia is bothered with the randomly ringing phone with no caller identification; when Jack answers the phone, he sometimes hears hushed talking, like a bad connection. The team briefly interviews the family, does all the research on the previous Moriarty Massacre, etc., and on Saturday they will spend the night in the darkened house with hopes of verifying the paranormal events. Team member Moira will do the prior research, and Stan will be mounting and handling the cameras and other technical equipment. There's a special surprise for readers as the team interviews another renowned person to help with their case. This is a must read for lovers of paranormal stories. It's very absorbing, and the ending is stunning. This author is very cunning, his story will chill your blood, open your eyes wide, and make your heart pound. It's an edge-of-your seat exciting mystery. Make sure you keep the lights on as you read.

Tonya says

When I was first asked if I would like to review this book, I was unsure. But I read everything. Let me tell you, I was not disappointed and I could not put it down! And can't wait to start on the next one.

Tim and Eddie are brothers that lost their parents when they were really young. Tim is head of a paranormal investigation team. Eddie is a member of it.

Tim is the responsible brother, where Eddie is the one that has no clue what to do with his life. Tim is always looking out for him and trying to keep him out of trouble.

They get a case to figure out. The family moved into this house 6 months ago, and strange things have been happening, including their 13 year old son talking to someone. Someone that no one else can hear. Odd

things, like the phone ringing and nothing on the caller ID, a dark stain appearing on brand new carpet, dripping sounds in the basement. They are sick of it and really need help to figure it out. Especially since 3 years earlier, a family murdered each other in the same house. The youngest son survived.

They need to find out who, or what, is haunting this family. This book is filled with action, surprises and twists. I was not expecting the ending at all. I actually did tear up. This is definitely a series I will continue to read.

Randy says

The Rosselli family call in Tim and Eddie McCloskey, paranormal investigators to check out the home they'd recently bought. Weird stuff had been happening: phones ringing with nobody there and no call id, blood stains the keep reappearing, their boy Billie suddenly has an invisible friend.

The house has a history. Three years before, something had caused a family to be murdered in the house, father, mother, and son killed each other at home—a bloody tragedy that would later be known as the Moriarty Massacre. Only the youngest son, Eamon, survived that terrible night.

Things quickly devolve into something even more horrific to the family and investigators.

Liked this horror novel.

Rachel says

In Short: Brothers Tim and Eddie spend their spare time studying the paranormal. Both are stoked when given chance to investigate a haunting at the house of a gruesome triple murder. Quickly the pair enlist the help of some local friends to assist in research and on-site work. The investigation gets deadly as information surfaces and the team has to dig in. All those involved are now at risk.

What a great read! I gulped this down in one night. The plot builds fast and was so intense I couldn't put it down. Fortunately, as soon as I thought I had it figured out there was a hair pin turn. And they kept coming! Nary a boring moment.

This one is told in multiple POV. In general, I find this kind of story telling to be annoying. After completing a few chapters this problem dissipated and I was completely engaged. Characters are written to be not just likable, but also very, very normal. These aren't a bunch of people throwing around spells or such, and so it was very easy for them to become real.

I downloaded this title after the writer contacted me for an honest review. Thank you Evan Ronan for introducing me to your series. I look forward to reading the next installment.

Sandra Knapp says

Something a little different, and rather well written. I found it enjoyable. Nothing amazing, but it was not bad

either. And it moved smoothly and kept my interest throughout. All good there.

laurie patterson says

spooky!

I have never read anything by Evan Ronan until now, I love supernatural suspense filled books, this one was awesome not only had me scared but, the best part was I couldn't figure it out until maybe the last chapter and then I was doubting myself. so yes I'd recommend this and I'm off to book to I the series

Ashley Tomlinson says

Evan Ronan told me this was a slow-burn horror, at that worried me. I thought that meant it was going to be really slow and that it wouldn't catch my interest quick enough. That was not the case, at all. I was immediately interested to this book. It was so much like all those paranormal movies I love. All that was missing was a "Based on a true story" line at the beginning.

Once I started it I really didn't want to stop reading it. That's is probably why it only took me a little over a day to read it. If I didn't have to sleep it wouldn't have taken that long.

I thought it was comical that Evan Ronan wrote his character into the book. I laughed when I first read his name in it and then laughed harder when it said he was an author. I've never read anything like that before, very unique.

It takes it's time in the beginning introducing everyone. First it introduced the members of the house that were living in the house they believed was haunted. Then it introduced the the members of the paranormal investigation team. Eddie was my favorite character, he was so likable. He was more the people person compared to his brother Tim.

The Rosselli's moved into the massacre house. A house where three members of a family were brutally killed. They call upon Tim and Eddie's paranormal investigation team to help them figure out what they're dealing with. Billy Rosselli, has found an imaginary friend since moving into the house one that tells him to do very bad things. It's up to Eddie and Tim and the rest of their team to save this family from the same fate as the last.

This is one series that I look forward to finishing.

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Leah Polcar says

Meh. Wasn't terrible, but not wonderfully written -- it read on the 8th grade level imo -- with underdeveloped characters and stereotypical ghost hunter plot-line (minus the ghost-hunter as skeptic turned believer trope). Since it was free on Kindle Unlimited, I do not feel like I wasted money or time, and found it decent enough

to be reading the sequel, but really, meh.

Dilys says

Tim and his brother Eddie are part-time paranormal investigators and are currently on the case of the Moriarty murders.

Jackie and his wife and son Billy moved into the Moriarty house and several weird occurrences have happened so they have asked the brothers to investigate.

This took a while to get into but worth sticking with.

Big Book Theory says

Well, what do you know, a ghost hunter story. I enjoyed this story very much, and the twist at the end threw me. I honestly did not expect that to happen, at all. I would not really call this a ghost story, in the formal sense of ghosts and spooks, but it is more about residual energy which is left behind, and obviously, the more violent and explosive the energy, the more it affects its surroundings. I found this concept in the story very, very interesting. A very enjoyable, well written story.

PelicanFreak says

"Three years ago, a father, mother and son murdered each other at home...."

That's the line that sucked me in, though it doesn't stop there. I am amused by the family daily life as I become attached to the characters and more intrigued the more I read. There are several mysteries going on here, some of the paranormal persuasion but others of the family drama type. Between the mystery and the drama, I am unable to put this book down.

As if the mysteries & family drama aren't enough to keep me hooked, a little boy runs away and is considered missing by those around him – the circumstances are odd to say the least and the reader is treated to rotating views surrounding this. Meaning I get a look into the missing boy's head AND the events / thoughts of the search party.

The story gets weird; weird in a good way. As someone who unintentionally predicts the outcome of everything, I really didn't have opportunity to speculate with this read as there was so much going on. There was some action as well and it was portrayed perfectly so that I could get a clear picture. I feel as though I've watched this whole book play out in front of me – a satisfying feeling. The only thing left to do was kick back and enjoy it. So many books leave me hanging at the end but this one wrapped up nicely. Overall well spoken and well edited – a great, fast read.

Am definitely interested in reading more from this author.

Heather says

I need half stars. This is a good 3.5 star book. I rounded up to 4 stars.

The subject matter is quite fascinating to me. I seek it out in tv shows, movies, and books. I don't know the history if this is based on a true story or completely fictional. It doesn't really matter to me. I read it to be entertained and brought to a different place. This book does that.

The characters are great. Most of them have interesting history and good development. I liked the side stories. It's an interesting and compelling story. The topic and action are what make it a good read.

The writing is meh. The sentences are short and simple. The lack of details and description would greatly enhance the writing. The style works in the action scenes, but not so much in the back story moments.

The ending is quite weak and a let down. It needed a punch or at least a better explained closure.

There are a few discrepancies in the story: two glaring ones are that at the beginning of the book, it is stated that the house was built in the early 1970s. Later in the book, a character lists families who have been living in the house since the 1960s. The second is that there is a point where the electricity is shut off in the house, yet one of the characters enters a bathroom and turns on the light. Easily fixed if the author wishes to.

What would make this a 4-5 star book? More description is needed to lengthen the sentences and give depth to the story. This would especially be nice in the beginning when the brothers are interviewing Jackie. He only describes one thing he has witnessed in the house, though the characters talk for over an hour. I was not thrilled that I didn't get to read what his other observations were. Add more detailed explanations about the paranormal things happening and the work that the brothers do. I don't know how the brothers got into the business, really. I'd like to read more about that. I'd like to read more about how the Rosellis came to be in that house. Where were they before? Does the wife have a history of cheating on Jackie? Why do they only have one son? We only know what "Billy" reveals. Is it true?

The last thing I would take out is the meeting of the author. While some may think this is a creative thing to interject one's self into the text and become a character, I do not. I almost stopped reading at this point. Simple fix: give yourself a pseudonym, Mr. Ronan. I don't find writing about yourself in the third person to be cute or a unique thing. Though as I said, others probably like it.

If you like books about the paranormal, read this. It's worth it. If you like mystery books, give this a try. The story is worth it. If you don't like ghosts, blood, scary things, you should avoid this book. Of course, you'll miss a good story!
