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The Haunted Details

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Destiny Ann says

I loved this so much! It was so good! It was so intriguing and gripping oh my gosh I loved it! And I love how these books are written. So short and fast and easy to read but also with a mystery and message to them! Ugh so good! ?????? 5/5 stars for sure!

Molly Jo says

This week I read Book Two: The Haunted, by Frank Peretti.

SPOILER ALERT: Do not read any further unless you want to know how the story goes.

Are you sure?

You're still reading.

I'm giving you enough screen scrolling to avoid it.

Okay, you're still here.

All right, folks. Strap yourselves in. This one is a wild ride.

Okay, for starters, can I just say I love a book that stays with you even when you're not reading it. I'm not talking like, "Oh, yeah. It's on the coffee table." or "Of course. It's in my backpack." No, no, no. I think you know I mean the kind of reading that stays with you mentally. Emotionally.

Frank Peretti has a style of writing that always grips me, and this is no exception.

This book is told from the Professor's perspective. The fallen Priest-turned-pragmatist. He no longer believes in God, and will go out of his way to prove that everything has a logical explanation.

Through a myriad of, well, invitations, our heroes finding themselves together on a plane to Seattle.

Aww, Seattle . . .

They think they have separate reasons, but of course they don't. The professor meets with his old friend, AJ Van Epps, who tells him of a strange, reappearing house. As if a house can vanish and reappear at will! But Van Epps has data to sustain his theories. Two unseemly townsfolk have died recently, and he knows the house has something to do with it. The House seems to always know all about its inhabitants. He talks the professor into joining his investigation. The professor agrees and heads into town where he inexplicably runs into Brenda, the tattoo artist, speaking with a psychic.

Brenda and the professor go in for a reading, not expecting any truth to be revealed. Earthsong, as she's called, tells them about a boy, a prisoner set free, and other nonsense. Days pass with little adventure, until the professor is followed by what he can only describe as a specter. He's being followed by a ghost! The professor braces himself and watches as the specter walks past him toward a house that wasn't there before. The House.

Two-story Victorian, dull purple, richly detailed, turreted, with a covered porch and sleepy front windows. The professor enlists the aid of the others, including Van Epps who agrees to stay outside the house with his video camera. The professor, Andi, Brenda, and Tank enter the house. It's nearly night and there are no lights. It's as if the house expects them. They take to individual rooms upstairs, using only their cell phones for intermittent light. But when all goes dark, three of the four have nightmarish experiences too real to be a dream. Tank is the only one spared the dark evils of their own minds, and he brings them out of it with his large laugh. Where the others had glimpses of their hells, Tank had a glimpse of heaven. Then, at the end of the hall, in the shadow of the moonlit window, is a young boy who promptly disappears.

It's all too much, and they leave the house. Van Epps is furious; they need more data! They need to find out how the house does what it does, so they can harness its power and use it. The professor and the girls return

the next day, to find Tank is already there. With a young boy. The same boy from last night. The same young boy tattooed on his arm.

His name is Daniel, and he has a friend. A big, strong, invisible friend who may or may not be imaginary. But where did Daniel come from? They're distracted by something outside. Van Epps is mowing the lawn. His argument is if he does something nice to the house, perhaps the house won't hurt him like it's hurt so many others.

Okay, I've recounted enough. Except to say there's some fighting. A locked door. An imprisoned child. A murder. And a tall, strong being who helps Daniel even as the winds of hell suck Van Epps and the professor toward its door. Will they be taken? Will they be safe? Who is this Daniel kid? Why does the house always know everything?

For the last week, whether watching TV or cleaning house or driving, I found myself worried about the characters. I forgot they're not real. I needed to find out what happens next. And I needed that House to stop reappearing at every corner.

I think you need to pick up INVITATION and find out for yourself what shadows can do.

Bas van Driel says

In this part the 4 friends of volume 1 investigate an old victorian house that appears and vanishes at it's own will. This house knows their inner fears.

I found this book exciting with the brilliant action and humour of Frank Peretti.

LA Brown says

Pretty does it again.

If you like Frank Peretti, you will love this short book. Second in the Harbingers Series, The Haunting keeps you on the edge of your seat. Fantastic book!

Terry Conrad says

I love freaky good reads but refuse to compromise my convictions by reading course language. if I don't talk to God that way I feel it doesn't belong in Christian Fiction. I can read this in any book. I will no longer try a new Christian author unless I read a review stating it is a clean read.

Jerry Hunt says

Keeps you guessing...

A good spooky adventure that really keeps you wondering what's going to happen next. I didn't want your this book down, nor was I ready for the story to end, but I am excited to read their next adventure!!!

Jordy Leigh says

Some friends gave our family 'The Haunted' by Frank Peretti along with the book before it and the one after it in the Harbinger series.

Here is a supernatural thriller that you can read in a couple of hours or so. As the back cover blurb will tell you, it's the story of five characters (not always friends) and their encounter with a different kind of "haunted house".

I didn't find The Haunted as compelling as book #1, 'The Call'. Perhaps this is only a matter of personal preference. Or perhaps this is because the story seems too far-fetched. To an extent, this is to be expected of a supernatural thriller but I still felt that the book was asking me to believe the unthinkable. That said, there were other aspects of the storytelling that I applaud. I enjoyed discovering connections involving minor characters and I like how Frank Peretti linked back to the people and events of the previous book.

The Haunted didn't stand out to me as a book with great eternal value regarding following Christ. That said, it did provoke some thought about the objectivity of truth and - of course - the supernatural. Here I quote a character from the book itself because I don't think it spoils anything: "The house only tells the truth. For some it's good news; for others..." The ellipsis lets you and I finish the thought.

All in all, The Haunted supported me as a follower of Jesus, but it didn't enrich my pursuit of Him. It wasn't a drag to read, but neither did it stand out to me as a very compelling novella. I wouldn't recommend it except for if I met someone who was looking for a book just like it (ie. a short supernatural thriller about a haunted house and with Christian themes).

Carolyn says

I enjoyed this novella, completing it in 2 hours. Peretti's ability to make the battle against evil exciting definitely keeps ones attention. I'm looking forward to reading the other novellas in this series.

Randy Tramp says

The Haunted by Frank Peretti
A strange small town given to the occult.
A haunted house that appears then disappears.
A team appointed to figure out the supernatural mystery.

My Thoughts

Delivered in Peretti style, I enjoyed this read. Weird is the word that comes to mind, of the feeling I experienced. That's why I liked it.

The book reads fast and I finished it in under two hours. Constant action and suspense, with a twist of surprise.

Good read.

L.A. says

Enjoyable and thought provoking

I have long been a Frank Peretti fan and this little story just reaffirmed why. I got to revisit established characters and he managed to keep the integrity of the way they were drawn from the first Harbinger story, and that's quite a feat considering that was written by a different author!

Shelley Lugauer says

Reads like a television episode of Grimm

This book, like the first Harbinger book is supposed to be like an hour episode on tv. There is a mystery to solve, an evil to beat, and a continuing story of the characters' relationships to follow. I'm hooked and can't wait to read all of them. Wouldn't it be awesome if there really was a tv series made from this!
