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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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Courtney says

I need this book so badly!! I love Ghost Adventures and Zak is hot as hell!! ?

travis says

Insultingly dumb, unsurprisingly covered in confirmation bias, self-contradictory and written like a middle school essay. (Ghost Adventures is a guilty pleasure, but this book is an affront to any normal person's grasp on reality.)

Sue says

I'm a big fan of the Travel Channel show "Ghost Adventures", so when a friend told me Zak Bagans had a book, I immediately checked it out.

What I love about this is that we are able to see more about Zak than what we see on Ghost Adventures. He can come across as a little bizarre, so reading this was a great peek into his mind.

My thoughts on the paranormal are pretty much midline; I believe in spirits, but I don't necessarily think the things that haunt buildings are benign. I view a lot of Ghost Adventures as pure entertainment, but many things on the show have stopped to make me think. It was really neat being able to read more about specific experiences.

Zak is also a bit of a nerd. He also seems very down to earth and genuine. I'm not sure I believe a lot of the stuff that he does, but it's obvious that HE believes it, which is important. I appreciated the part of the book where he discusses how being a believer in the paranormal affects a person's view of religion. Very well spoken and true.

Perhaps most fun was near the end, where we got some tidbits from my favorite recurring guests on Ghost Adventures, Mark & Debbie Constantino. There were some blurbs from other GA regulars, but the names escape me at the moment.

Overall, this was a very interesting, intriguing and thought provoking read. Lots of interesting things about physics and theories that I didn't expect and I gained some new knowledge by reading those passages. Zak and his co-writer do a great job of dumbing some of the technical and scientific jargon down to make it understandable and relatable to the average reader.

If you are a fan of GA, this really is a must read!

Beautiful Oblivion says

This is a marvelous book! Zak absolutely knows what he's talking about. From actually living the paranormal, Bagans explains all his paranormal encounters that didn't make it on the big screen. Zak Bagans, lead investigator from the Ghost Adventures makes an outstanding job on this book! He explains how he deals with that paranormal, such as demons, evil entities, ghost, and let's not forget the incubus and the succubus. (love that episode!)

Zak really knows how to get the readers attention. Once you read it, you can't put it down. I remember I wouldn't put the book down and spent all night reading it. This book is a must read! Especially for Gac fans...

Casimiro says

If you are a fan of Ghost Adventures and Zak Bagans, this is almost a must read. I like the show (totally entertaining) and Zak is a....character....so I kinda had to read the book. Looking back...This is not a very well written book, and if you're already familiar with the paranormal and its related theories, it's not very informative either. What it is though, is an interesting look into a man that verges on being a narcissist and egomaniac...and you know what...I love Zak Bagans for that! The book was kind of like a train wreck that I couldn't tear myself away from. Final thought... Buy it used, read it, and enjoy the wreck.

Cornerofmadness says

A few caveats about this review: 1. If you're reading it as a non-believer in ghosts I assume one of two things, you're curious and have an open mind or you're here to ridicule. 2. I read this book because my brother wanted to me. He's just gotten into ghost hunting (I've been involved since the mid 1980's). I would not have read it otherwise because I'll be honest, I'm not a fan of Mr. Bagans. I sort of think he's a jerk and from a ghost hunting stand point, I differ vastly in approach and don't think yelling at/ridiculing spirits is the best way to go. To his credit, Zak does discuss this in his book and why he does it.

The book is more about Zak than anything and I do feel he has a very high opinion of himself (granted I felt that way going into this but nothing in the book dissuaded me from that opinion). It's all about how he got into ghost hunting, his approach to hunting and his experiences. A good chunk of the beginning of the book is dedicated to explaining the techniques and tools of the trade. The language is very conversational and written so pretty much anyone could follow.

It goes into depth about various types of hauntings, residual, intelligent etc and into Zak's religious beliefs (lightly, nothing preachy) and his belief in the demonic. It certainly pulls from various sites seen on the TV show. It has tips and caveats about getting into ghost hunting and as I said above Zak does explain why he likes to yell at/humiliate some ghosts, the risks of doing that and why he spends a lot of time yelling at his companions (something I find very off putting and one of the reasons I rarely watch the show in all honesty. However, I suspect that reality TV is convinced we want to see someone acting like a dick judging by personalities we see on X-Factor and Kitchen Nightmares).

The latter parts of the book deal with scientific theory, and various of theories that could explain hauntings. I'll give him credit for attempting to explain these theories so anyone could understand them even if I'm not

entirely sure I buy into some of his conclusions and his knee jerk assumption all of science is filled with non-believers.

If you came into this hoping for a book on all his hauntings, you might be disappointed. Outside of Bob Mackay's and a couple others, most of the investigations are given light treatment, less than a page or two. It's more about the how to do it rather than the experiences in any depth. And again, it's all about Zak. Even his partners aren't given much face time. The lay out of the book is nice though I would have preferred pictures of the investigations instead of Zak trying to look bad ass in various locals. I suspect most people picking this book up are already fans of Bagans and/or Ghost Adventures. If you're looking for a book to dip your toe into the world of ghost hunting, it's not a bad place to start. If you're more of an old hand at ghost hunting, you'll probably be a little bored in many places since it's nothing you haven't heard a hundred times before.

Kayla says

Although I consider myself more Scully than Mulder when it comes to the paranormal, I love reading all that I can about the subject. Ghost Adventures is one of my favorite guilty pleasure shows, so I knew I had to eventually read this book. I found it very entertaining, especially when Bagans recounts his experiences at different haunted locations around the world. I do have to scold the editor, though, because there were some obvious spelling errors and factual mistakes (mostly in the later part of the book...it's like they got lazy and stopped doing their job). I also think the book could have benefited from citing specific scientific research when discussing the various theories related to the paranormal. Overall, a fun read and I enjoyed the way it felt like I was having a casual conversation about ghosts with the author.

Barbi Faye (The Book Fae) says

I am finding Zak Bagans's paranormal experiences he has written of in this first book wildly interesting, and I can't put it down. He is as compelling as his presenting style. I find it unique and I enjoy it very much. While filming an episode of Ghost Adventures show in Edinburgh, Zak had interviewed Kryss, a guy who looks the part of a vampire in a black duster coat, ala THE CROW, and after the filming of the interview, the guy starts to shadow Zak. He seems to show up wherever Zak is. It is later on when the GAC all go out to a club later and Kryss brings his three friends. Who of course, are creepy ass vamps just like him. It just gets too f'n creepy and Zak and Aaron beat feet. Just as they tip the f out the door and make it to the street, and there he is already, going, "Where ya going?" Zak wins the prize for Craziest Fans, EASY. Poor guy. He relates a lot of his experiences of the paranormal while making documentaries and his show. And, on the serious side he calls for a standardization throughout the paranormal community so they can start to prove its legitimacy as a science. Basically, 'we want answers...' BTW this is my 666th rating.. ooooo... :)

Jean says

Whether you're interested in the paranormal or not...Zak tells his experiences and beliefs with genuine spirit and integrity. He's a pleasant adventurous young man with a passion for the paranormal and it shows. My only criticism I guess is that I was hoping for some new experiences...since I watch the show regularly I

knew many of the events already...but overall I enjoyed his book. Nice first outing.

Emma says

4.5 stars

Sean Kennedy says

My hopes for this book were pretty low to begin with - Bagans comes across as annoyingly frat-boyish on his show, and I was hoping that maybe in his writing he would come across less so. No. This book is really just a rehash of events that happened on his TV show, but without any additional info or storytelling. Little tidbits about his life off the show are tantalising but once again little on detail. I'm not expecting him to recount his whole personal journal, but a little personal info and personality would go a long way.

Not that it factored into my review at all, but Kindle readers may find the book badly formatted. For me at least the 'text boxes' throughout the book repeated the first third of them and cut off the end. Don't know what went wrong there but I reported it to Amazon.

Joseph says

The book is very basic for anyone who's interested in anything paranormal. If you've watched a couple of episodes of any paranormal tv, then you realize that Bagans gives a very watered down pseudo-philosophical attempt to explain his experiences. I bought the book hoping for some of his experiences, or even a behind the scenes look at the wildly popular "Ghost Adventures Show." What I got was a meandering mishmash of hinted at experiences, and half formed thoughts on random paranormal subjects.

Zak is a likeable person, and his charisma is much of what pulls you through in the book. He gives an occasional gem of an anecdote, but will often cut it off before giving any context. He also writes very much as he speaks, so you'll get flatulence jokes and patronizing questions.

If you like the show, you'll like the book. Don't read it looking for anything in-depth.

Molly says

I thoroughly enjoyed having the bejeezus scared out of me by this book. Although I don't believe I've ever had a paranormal experience, I have always had an open mind to such things and the information in this book certainly supported some of my beliefs. My main complaint is in the editing - may I offer my services for the next edition? There were multiple errors in grammar and syntax, which happen to the best of us, but there were also some errors in fact that should have been caught and addressed. The chapter on Science was particularly troublesome in this respect. A tsunami is not a weather phenomenon. Microtubules are not brain cells. And, although I have no doubt that traditional scientists with their bloated egos and know-it-all-God complexes (I can say this because I used to be one) ridicule paranormal investigators, I think the latter could

learn a lot from the scientific method that this book tended to deride. It's no wonder these people can't work together, even though it seems perfectly obvious to me that collaboration would benefit both parties. Anyway, all in all, a very enjoyable read. And I definitely learned a few things, too. Like I do not want to be a paranormal investigator. And that I should leave the reputed ghost in my workplace the hell alone. Leave it to the professionals, and read about it later!

Doreen Petersen says

The paranormal is a very controversial topic for many people. That being said I personally feel that there are things we as humans and science don't fully understand and can't be explained by conventional means. However you feel about this topic I think this is well worthwhile reading.

Julia says

Zak (@Zak_Bagans) knows what he's talking about, even if he comes off as a bit of a dork on screen sometimes. He knows a lot about the paranormal and has some really great ideas that, I think, should happen. This book makes me appreciate Zak for what he does in order to educate people. Really well done book. Loved every part of it!
