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Do you believe in ghosts?

A nurse who gives invisible shots, a girl who likes to dart into corners and a man who still sits in the common room are just three of the spirits haunting the Pennhurst Asylum in Spring City, Pennsylvania.

How do I know that? I have spent a Halloween season working in the Mayflower building, 2nd floor and have witnessed the paranormal activity first hand.

Twenty-five years ago, Pennhurst State School and Mental Hospital was closed down due to patient abuse. Today Pennhurst has been turned into a Halloween attraction. I took a job as an orderly working in the Mayflower building, one of the most spiritually active of all the buildings.

People are fascinated with Pennhurst and want to know more of its past and its present. Intrigued, I decided to do my own research. Here is what I discovered.

A Pennhurst Haunting.

## **Ghosts of Mayflower Details**

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**Gayle Pace says**

## GHOSTS OF MAYFLOWER

A Pennhurst Haunting

by Tamera Lawrence

### OVERVIEW:

A nurse who gives invisible shots, a girl who likes to dart into corners and a man who still sits in the common room are just three of the spirits haunting the Pennhurst Asylum in Spring City, Pennsylvania. The author knows this since she took a job as an orderly working in the Mayflower Building. The Hospital had been closed down due to resident abuse. Today Pennhurst has been turned into a Halloween attraction.. The author took the job in the Mayflower building since it was one of the most spiritually active of all the buildings. People are fascinated with Pennhurst and want to know more about its past and its present. The author being intrigued decided to do her own research. She has written a book bringing the past and present together to entertain, but also enlighten.

### REVIEW:

I think we all love good ole ghost stories I couldn't wait to start reading this book. The author, Tamera Lawrence did a marvelous job of documenting the people who work at the Hospital, their work schedules, their personal experiences This old hospital is the Pennhurst Halloween attraction with tons of guests and , of course ghosts along with a some things that go bump and bang in the night. in the night. This book is a wonderful short read. If you have the time you can read the entire book in one sitting. You won't be able to stop turning the pages. You just have to know what is going to happen next.

I received a complimentary copy of GHOSTS OF MAYFLOWER, A Pennhurst Haunting, from the author, Tamera Lawrence for this unbiased review.

I would give this book a 5 STARS.

A definite HIGH FIVE.

About Tamera Lawrence (from OutSkirtsPress)

With a passion for writing, Award winning author Tamera Lawrence likes to entertain readers with edgy thrillers and mysteries. As a mother of six, Tamera draws on personal experiences to bring to life interesting characters set in today's complex world. She loves meeting fans and writes book reviews upon request. Contact me at Tlawr66@yahoo.com. Good Reads, Google or Twitter

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### **Emily (Heinlen) Davis says**

The stories within this book are extremely compelling. I couldn't stop turning the pages because I wanted to see what was going to happen next. I find ghost stories fascinating, so I was instantly hooked! The only major problem I saw was that the author kept switching between past and present tense in her writing. That irked me as it took me out of the story each time it happened.

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### **Jennifer Chase says**

Who doesn't love a good ghost story? I jumped at the chance to read this book. Ghosts of Mayflower takes us into the firsthand experiences of the author's time as an Halloween attraction orderly for the Mayflower Building at Pennhurst Asylum, located in Spring City, Pennsylvania. This is the same haunted location that The Ghosthunters filmed their 2011 Halloween special. For good reason, the paranormal experiences are frequent and quite impressive.

I enjoyed the way the author presented this book over a couple of months and documented the shift days, personal experiences, candid conversations, people who work at the now Pennhurst Halloween attraction, tons of guests, and of course ghostly apparitions along with a some things that go bump in the night. I won't give away any spoilers because it's such a fun ghost story read. If I had any complaints, it would be that I wanted to learn more about the history of the location, but that in no way takes away from the book.

This is a great, short read. You could read a chapter or two at a time, or devour the entire book on a stormy Saturday afternoon like I did. Highly recommend.

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### **Neeka Rogers says**

Tamera Lawrence does a great job right from the beginning of reeling you in and making you look behind your back as you read. Great story!

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### **Angela says**

#### **Lost a lot of sleep!**

The book was not written that great in the form on grammar but I'm very thankful the author decided to give her experience to the public. I love this subject and enjoyed the three sleepless spooky nights it took to read it. I am also glad there are a few pictures in the book. A book I have already recommend to those I know!

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## **Biography Book Reviews says**

Being a non-fiction book, *Ghosts of Mayflower* is really interesting, although it didn't hold to the expectation that the cover and the back cover have set. It's merely a diary, detailing the author's experiences as an orderly for Pennhurst Haunt. That diary can spark great ideas for mystery/thriller novels, even another memoir, only if delivered in a scary, suspenseful way. Read more here:

<http://biography-book.com/book-review...>

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## **Kelly says**

### **It's was okay for \$1.99**

I really wish the author would have included more detail about what she found while researching Pennhurst. She mentioned pictures but didn't include them. I stopped several times and googled what she was referring to. It was an okay read.

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## **Nancy says**

Not the ship which, I am sure has a plethora of it's own mists and orbs but a Mayflower with a much more defined identity. The Mayflower building of the infamous Pennhurst Asylum in Spring City, PA. Originally called the Eastern Pennsylvania State Institution for the Feeble-Minded and Epileptic, it closed in 1987 amid accusations of abuse and a hit TV report called "Suffer the Little Children."

However, it appears the children (and adults) who occupied the several buildings that made up Pennhurst are still there in part. Each year the Pennhurst Asylum Haunted House brings thousands into the damp, drafty sites and lets folks see what they can see. Or not see, depending on the spectres' moods. If you are a fan of "Ghost Hunters", "Ghost Adventures" and the like you have been inside and seen what these people travel miles to see for themselves: the place is haunted.

In order to properly research Pennhurst, the author spent a season as a guide dressed as an orderly. She saw, heard and was told many specific things while working and even had a visitor or two follow her home possibly. All she knows is that she had nothing on her property and, after a few weeks at Pennhurst, photos showed orbs and shadows in her front yard. She didn't put them there.

All in all, this was an interesting first person account of the paranormal. There are grammatical issues here and there but, overall it was good. Scary? Not really but very informative and, if you're a paranormal fan I would definitely add this to my library.

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## **Denise says**

This book reads much like the common "What I Did on Summer Break" school assignment. It was very repetitive in descriptions of paranormal experiences. This book lacks any significant analysis of the setting from a historical standpoint. Finally, the author's overt Christian proselytizing is off-putting.

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## **The says**

I knew very little about the Pennhurst Asylum until now. It was featured on Tru Bio Celebrity Ghost Stories with Beverly Mitchell of 7th Heaven. Beverly was filming a paranormal movie in 2010 and what she experienced changed her life. When Beverly put her hands on a window it was ice cold even though it was 90 degrees outside. The ground was also cold and later she found out she was standing over the morque. There are many underground tunnels, too. "The spirits didn't want us near those grounds."

The author Tamera Lawrence is an excellent, competent, credible writer who uses descriptive words that flow smoothly into the story and also includes pictures that are fascinating and frightening! The Chapters are dated so everything is chronological which is nice and no skipping around. The picture taken in her yard had a red lighting bolt with a creepy face on the end. She had two pictures left on the roll of film from the Asylum and decided to take two pictures at her house. The lighting bolt is shown but the other picture Tamera won't reveal because it's too creepy.

Tamera has had psychic phenomenom from an early age. She briefly mentions this in this terrific book and entices me to learn more about this. She also mentions prayer, God, and has compassion for people.

The Pennhurst Asylum was a dumping ground from 1908 to 1986 for children misunderstood. There was torture including pulling out all of the teeth of patients in The Breaking Room. There was a lot of pain and suffering. When the asylum closed some of the patients went into nursing homes, family, and even some returned back to the empty buildings.

What I don't understand is why Pennhurst was turned into an amusement attraction similar to Halloween. These are spirits, entities, and energy of people or things that either need help or just plain evil. People don't realize there could be ramifications to their health and well being. Can an entity/evil spirit hurt you and/or follow you home? If you don't know why take a chance? I couldn't fathom bringing children to this place much less one who is four years old! This could scar kids emotionally for life.

With all that said I enjoyed the book immensely and glad I read it. Thank you for sharing your story.

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## **Mary Jane says**

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## **Sarah Downing says**

Had to edit this, the grammar is atrocious, but otherwise a good read, fast.

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