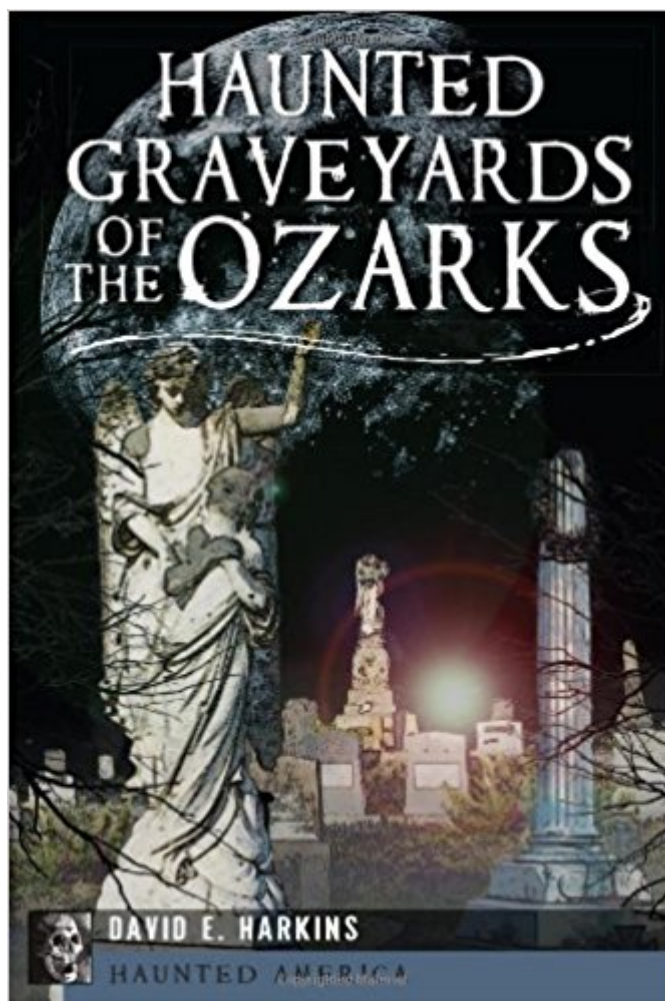


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# Haunted Graveyards Of The Ozarks (Haunted America)



## Synopsis

From the neatly tended urban necropolis to the long-forgotten family plot at the end of a winding gravel road, these "quiet cities" of the Ozarks have the power to send chills up and down the spine of the most hardened skeptic. Be it the restless Civil War soldiers of Greenbrier, the mass murderer who stalks Peace Church or the red eyes that persecute visitors to Robinson, tales of ghostly activity abound in every burial ground carved out of the ancient Ozark hills. Follow Dave Harkins as he explores the fascinating history and unsettling lore clinging to these haunted graveyards.

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## Customer Reviews

David Harkins is the founder of The Ozarks Paranormal Society. He and his team were featured on the Travel Channel program "Legends of the Ozarks" investigating the activity at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield near Springfield, Missouri.

You would think it would be difficult to make a bunch of Missouri cemeteries interesting but that is exactly what David Harkins did. I felt I was inside each cemetery sharing the experiences and enjoying each and every one. So many families buried in these cemeteries are long forgotten. This makes it so nice to have this information down and ready for retrieval when one of us gets ready to visit graveyards on our vacations. David is a wonderful author with the experience and words to help you believe you have been on these trips with him! I especially enjoyed the background stories that

went with each location. I am looking forward to more books from this author who is a truly interesting man himself. His work has been shown on the Travel Channel under the title "The Legends of The Ozarks". David and his team, TOPS, provided a lot of film centered around the haunting of a civil war site near Springfield, Missouri.

Great read! I got caught up in all the Lore and finished it in a day.

Dave did an awesome job researching his subject. I really like his style of writing. I can't wait to visit some of the places in this book!

It is an amazing read. I loved every story.

Great read! Can't get enough of the historical aspect!

If you believe or just like paranormal stories or enjoy local folklore. This book is a good one to read. The author has actually done his homework with visiting locals and getting stories they have heard over the years, he's looked people up in census to make sure they actually did live here. Each story is about 1-3 pages long and he tried to include photos of people when it was available to him or he would take a photo of the cemetery he and-or his team took when they went to visit the cemeteries. He gives history of the cemetery, the land and or the time frame of when the 'ghost' lived. You can believe in what he has been told or just enjoy the history behind the places he writes about. Really nice book of places in MO and AR

I was given a review copy of David E. Harkins new book, Haunted Graveyards of the Ozarks and I found it to be an excellent read. Lots of interesting facts, photos and stories that will appeal to both the history and paranormal buff alike. I would highly recommend this book to anyone with even a passing interest in either. The book covers a wide area of the Ozarks, an extremely haunted area with deep hollers, thick forests and abandoned and forgotten graveyards where once stood thriving communities and family settlements; a stark reminder of those who came before, whose hopes, dreams and struggles are now lost and forgotten to time. David tells the stories well and his many years (30+ I believe) of paranormal research and investigation help him to delve further into the stories and provide insight into the tales of ghosts and hauntings associated with the area and the graveyards that it contains. All in all I found it to be an exceptional book, one that I have no trouble

whatsoever in recommending, and I am looking forward to his next book with much anticipation.

Not everyone buys a book on "haunted graveyards" in order to see ghosts. I bought this book hoping to find rural cemeteries to visit and photograph. Sadly, David E. Harkins - whatever his "credentials" as a ghost-hunter - is an inept cemetery guide. Not only does he not know where the Ozarks are (and includes cemeteries outside this boundary) but his chapters on individual cemeteries give only vague directions for finding them, when directions are given at all. Those who document older cemeteries sometimes omit directions in an attempt to protect stones from being vandalized or stolen. But, since Harkins is enticing his audience with such "proof" of apparitions as a strong chill, reported by one graveyard's visitors, it's odd that he would deny his readers the chance to visit, and be chilled by, the places he writes about. Finally, there's the matter of Harkins' scholarship, or lack thereof. Certain chapters are merely reprints of others' work (sometimes amended with "folklore" of his own devising), passed off as his own. His bibliography contains only the barest acknowledgement of these sources, such as the online Encyclopedia of Arkansas History & Culture, from whom he has stolen freely. Surprisingly, he gives credit for some of the photographs used in his book then commits the error of using photos of stones that have been coated in shaving cream. This will give readers the idea that this practice is a good one; it is not, it causes long-term harm to fragile stone and is frowned on by serious cemetery researchers. (The use of a mirror reflector, on a sunny day, would have yielded better results though making more work for the photographer.) I really wanted to like this book, even though I do not seek out cemeteries in the hope of seeing ghosts. Harkins gives lengthy accounts of the macabre deaths that caused cemeteries to be deemed haunted. These stories make for entertaining reading but, in light of Harkins' plagiarism, there is no way of knowing whether the information is accurate.

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