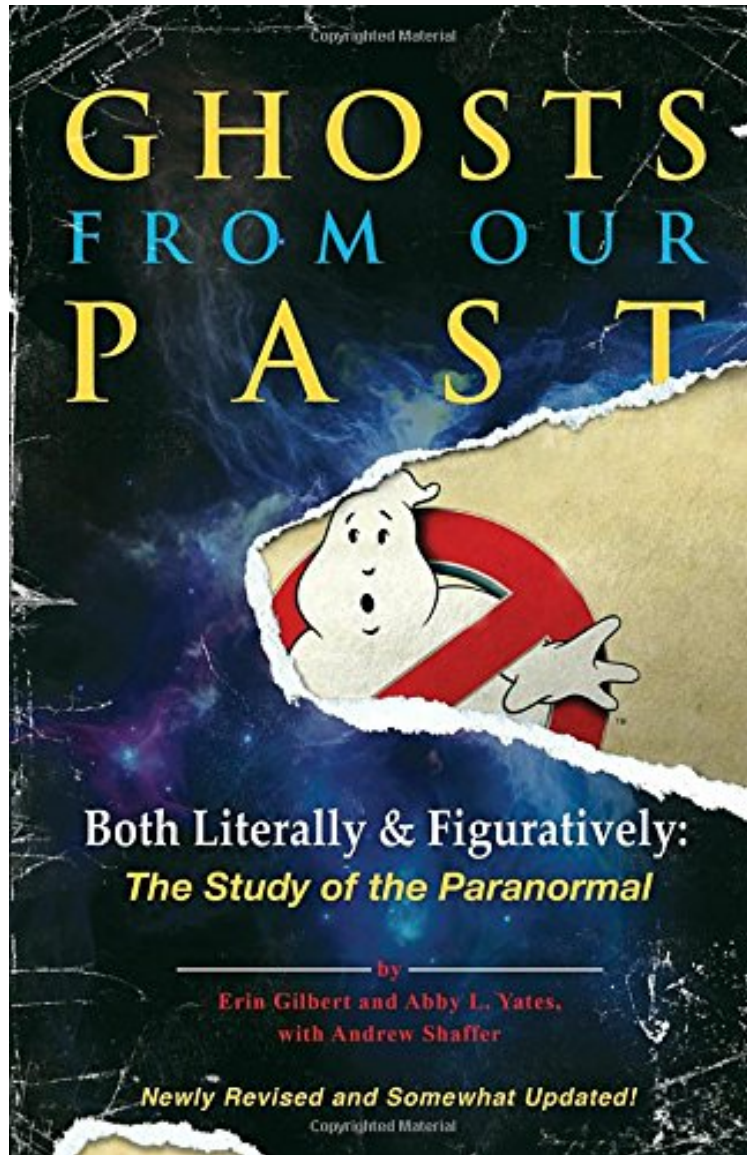


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33 of 34 people found the following review helpful. Hilarious, Harrowing and All-Around GreatBy Matthew GoldenLike most things about the rebooted GHOSTBUSTERS, I approached "Ghosts From Our Past" with a sense of wary hope. Could this guidebook to the supernatural, written in-character from the perspective of two of the film's leads be any good, or would it just be another marketing gimmick? Thankfully, after a reassurance that it wouldn't spoil anything of the film (and indeed it doesn't), I lost my patience about a week prior to the film's release and dove in, fingers crossed for the best.I needn't have worried..."Ghosts From Our Past" is phenomenal. Several times I had to stop reading to sidle up to my wife and re-read her passages aloud, because I was so enamored of them (while I adore the spectral theory and categorizations, my favorite parts were the autobiographical passages from "Abby" and "Erin", which were by turns harrowing and hilarious). The best possible kind of tie-in, it truly felt a part of the universe that I'd later see in the film, and perfectly captured the unique comedic cadences of its two "authors"; I could distinctly hear Kristin Wiig's and Melissa McCarthy's delivery in my head as I flew through the pages.Kudos all around. I'll admit I might be an easy mark for this kind of thing, and I suppose your enjoyment of this book would depend on your acceptance and enjoyment of the 2016 film, but if you didn't enjoy that, well...track down one of these errant spirits, because you may just have no soul.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. One of the best tie-ins I've ever seenBy C. C.Ah, if only this had more Holtzmann and Patty content! And I was hoping for more [pseudo]science and technobabble by way of the film's science consultants. It's still fun to read, though, and looking for the bibliography for the real vs. fake sources is entertaining (I mean, if you're a total nerd like me).The actual writer, Andrew Shaffer, put some actual effort into this, which you can't always expect from media tie-ins. If you look around online, you can find some commentary by Shaffer on how the book was put together. Because of the input from the director and writer of the film, you could even make a good case for this being canon.If you're hopelessly in love with the film and just want MORE, or you're a Ghostbusters completist, or you're delighted by books-within-fiction becoming real objects, or you happen to be writing Ghostbusters fanfic, this is a book that you should have.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great book for any fan of the movieBy DougI bought this because I loved the new ghostbusters movie. I enjoyed this book as well. My son loves looking at it even though he is young because he knows it is all about ghosts and he loves to pretend he is a ghostbuster. I would recommend it for any fan of the movie. I had to buy two so I could keep one as a collectors item and read the other one with my son.

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