

# Summary

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**Edward Warren Miney** (September 7, 1926 – August 23, 2006)<sup>[a]</sup> and **Lorraine Rita Warren** (*née* **Moran**; January 31, 1927 – April 18, 2019)<sup>[a]</sup> were American **paranormal investigators** and authors associated with prominent cases of alleged **hauntings**. Edward was a self-taught and self-professed **demonologist**, author, and lecturer. Lorraine professed to be **clairvoyant** and a light trance **medium** who worked closely with her husband. In 1952, the Warrens founded the New England Society for Psychic Research (NESPR), the oldest ghost hunting group in **New England**.<sup>[a]</sup> They authored many books about the paranormal and about their private investigations into various reports of paranormal activity. They claimed to have investigated well over 10,000 cases during their career.<sup>[a]</sup> The Warrens were among the first investigators in the **Amityville haunting**. According to the Warrens, the official website of the NESPR, Viviglam Magazine and several other sources, the NESPR uses a variety of individuals, including medical doctors, researchers, police officers, nurses, college students, and members of the clergy in its investigations.<sup>[a][b][c]</sup> Stories of ghost hauntings popularized by the Warrens have been adapted as or have indirectly inspired dozens of films, television series, and documentaries, including several films in the *Amityville Horror series* and the films in *The Conjuring Universe*.<sup>[a]</sup> Skeptics **Perry DeAngelis** and **Steven Novella** investigated the Warrens' evidence and described it as "blarney"<sup>[a]</sup> بلارني. Skeptical investigators **Joe Nickell** and **Benjamin Radford** concluded that the better known hauntings, Amityville and the **Snedeker family haunting**, did not happen and had been invented.<sup>[a][d][e][f][g]</sup>

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## Famous Investigations

- Annabelle
- Perron Family
- Amityville
- Enfield Poltergeist
- Arne Johnson
- Snedeker House
- Smurl Family



Ed Warren	
<span></span> <div>Lorraine Warren (left) and Ed Warren (right)</div>	
Born	<div>Edward Warren Miney</div> September 7, 1926 <div>Bridgeport, Connecticut, U.S.</div> <span></span>
Died	August 23, 2006 (aged 79) <sup>[a]</sup> <div>Monroe, Connecticut, U.S.</div> <span></span>
Occupation	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Paranormal investigator</b></li><li>• painter</li><li>• author</li><li>• <b>demonologist</b></li></ul></div>
Organization	New England Society for Psychic Research
Spouse(s)	Lorraine Warren <div></div> (m. 1945)
Children	1
Website	<span><span>warrens.net</span></span>

Lorraine Warren	
<span></span> <div>Lorraine in 2013</div>	
Born	<div>Lorraine Rita Moran</div> January 31, 1927 <div>Bridgeport, Connecticut, U.S.</div> <span></span>
Died	April 18, 2019 (aged 92) <sup>[a]</sup> <div>Monroe, Connecticut, U.S.</div> <span></span>
Occupation	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Paranormal investigator</b></li><li>• author</li></ul></div>
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# Ed Warren

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[Ed Warren](#)

## Biography

Born [September 7, 1926](#) in [Bridgeport, Connecticut, USA](#)

Died [August 23, 2006](#) in [Bridgeport, Connecticut, USA](#) (complications from a stroke)

Birth Name **Edward Warren Miney**

### Mini Bio (1)

After being discharged from the U.S. Navy after World War II, [Ed Warren](#) was an itinerant house and sign painter traveling around New England. However, with his wife [Lorraine Warren](#), née Lorraine Moran, he became known as a demonologist employed in investigating reports of haunted houses. They attained national renown in 1975 when they wrote up their reports of their investigation of the [George Lutz](#) house in Amityville, Long Island, New York. The Lutz family moved into the house, which had been the site of the murder of five members of the DeFeo family the previous year. The Lutz family moved out after 28 days, claiming that they had been chased out by ghosts and other demons. Although some felt that the story was a hoax, the Warrens swore that, after their investigation, the house was haunted. The Warrens were the founders of the New England Society for Psychic Research.

- *IMDb Mini Biography* By: [Jane Margaret Laight](#)

Family (1)

Spouse [Lorraine Warren](#) ([22 May 1945](#) - [23 August 2006](#)) (his death) (1 child)

Trivia (1)

He was the son of Pauline (Dennis) and Frank Edward Miney. His father was of Slovak and Czech descent and his maternal grandparents were Polish.

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# Demonology

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**Demonology** is the study of [demons](#) or beliefs about demons, and the [hierarchy of demons](#). They may be nonhuman, separable [souls](#), or discarnate spirits which have never inhabited a body. A sharp distinction is often drawn between these two classes, notably by the [Melanesians](#), several African groups, and others. The [Islamic jinn](#), for example, are not reducible to modified human souls. At the same time these classes are frequently conceived as producing identical results, e.g. diseases.

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## What is a Demonologist?

Demonology is the study of Demons and the various beliefs that diverse people have about Demons.

**A Demon may be human, non-human, or a soul that has never been attached to a body.**

The understanding of what a Demon is will change according to cultural influences. In the west, Demonologists are typically studying Christian Demonology.

However, Demons' belief goes back a very long way in history, and many established religions reference them.

## Zoroastrianism

In the Zoroastrian Faith, founded in modern-day Iran (Persia), they mention 3,333 Demons.

**Each of these Demons has a special area of responsibility.**

**For example:**

- **Anger (*Kheshm*)**
- **Grief (*Akoman*)**
- **and Envy (*Areshk*)**

This obscure religion has influenced western civilizations more than people realize.

**Voltaire, Nietzsche, and Freddie Mercury (from the band Queen) have declared it their inspiration.**

Zoroastrians were the first world religion to worship just one God and introduced heaven, hell, Satan, and Demons. These were picked up by other religions later.

So, Zarathustra (the founder of the religion) is where the concept of Demons began. Many years before Dante Divine Comedy, the book of Zoroastrian, Arda Viraf, described a journey to Heaven and Hell.

**Many scholars now believe it is possible that the book was the inspiration for Dante's later work.**

Today Zoroastrianism still exists as a minority religion in parts of Iran. It once spread to Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, and large parts of Asia.

It, as you can see, also had a major influence in the west. Did you know that Satan and Demons were largely a Zoroastrian concept?

## Islam

Islam, the religion that swept through Iran, displacing the Zoroastrian Faith as the major religion, picked up the concept of Satan and Demons (as did Christianity). [Shayatin](#) is the usual term for Demons in Islam.

**In Islam, Demons exist to tempt humans to sin and drift away from God.**

The Islamic belief in Demons stretches back as far as Solomon (from the old testament), who was said to have had Demons as slaves.

## Bahá'í Faith

The Bahá'í Faith, also from Iran, is more recent and sees demons as a metaphor for humans' base character, which occurs when a man turns away from God.

Belief in ghosts and other earthbound spirits are all seen as mere superstition.

Some modern Christians believe that Demons and such are purely metaphors, which causes division with evangelical Christians that believe in the physical existence of these elements.

**Other religions worldwide all have various understandings of what Demons are, and this is the area that Demonologists study.**

A subsection of Demonology would study the subject only from the Christian point of view, which is quite common in the west.

These people are called Christian Demonologists.

## Becoming a Demonologist

There are no accredited college courses that train individuals to become professional Demonologists.

**The very best you may find is a module in a theology degree covering Demonology.**

Even these are far and few between these days. Since the role of Demonologist is a voluntary one, a mere description of what you are interested in, there are no general education requirements for the job.

**I could announce tomorrow that I am a Demonologist, and nobody could challenge me.**

However, if you declare yourself to be a Demonologist, people would expect you to understand the subject in great detail, so a lot of private study and reading would be required not to look foolish.

**You may be lucky enough to meet someone who has such knowledge and spend time with them picking up skills and knowledge.**

Obviously, this would not be a paid position. You would assist in exchange for gaining knowledge.

## Software For Demonologist And Paranormal Investigators

If you plan to become a Demonologist or Paranormal Investigator, you'll face one challenge and that is how to keep track of your investigations and how to create professional reports for your clients.

Luckily, there is [this software](#) that can solve these problems.

It's called "P.L.A.N." – The Paranormal Log & Analyst Notebook, and it will allow you to track the investigations, manage evidence, or print reports on results and findings.

I highly recommend this software – it's a great tracker that will make the administration part easier and that will bring your reports and tracking to next level.

## The Most Famous Demonologists

As I said, Demonologists are really a career from the past.

However, there were professional Demonologists, and the most famous team was **Ed and Lorraine Warren**.

In my article, they were mentioned as paranormal investigators (which they were), but they mostly referred to themselves as Demonologists.

### Ed and Lorraine Warren

Edward Warren and Lorraine Warren Edward were self-proclaimed **demonologists**, paranormal investigators, and authors who had connections with several prominent incidents over the years.

**Lorraine described herself as a Clairvoyant and Medium.**

The Warrens claimed to have had over 10,000 investigations during their career. The Warren's claimed to be investigators of the infamous cases: Annabelle, Amityville, Enfield poltergeist, Cheyenne Johnson, Snedeker house, Smurl family, and Union Cemetery. They have published a lot of books on cases they were involved in. There have also been a large number of movies based upon their stories. Additionally, they have been invited to make a lot of speeches about their work.

Finally, they used to have a museum in their back garden where people paid to see some of the items retrieved from the cases.

**I list all these income sources to highlight that all though Demonologists typically do not get paid for consultations, they can make a lot of money off the back of their work from talks, books, movie deals, and more.**

Unfortunately, there is increasing evidence that Ed and Lorraine Warren had a public face and a hidden reality in their life.

Publically they were described as a charming couple. Still, in 2017 Judith Penney announced that she had an underage sexual relationship with Ed Warren at the age of 15, which resulted in her getting pregnant, and later having an abortion. She also revealed that Ed was abusive to Lorraine. This was all revealed in a sworn statement from Penney.

**Another famous Paranormal investigator, Guy Lyon Playfair, also revealed in an interview before he died that involvement in the Enfield Poltergeist case from the Warrens was minimal.**

Their brief appearance at the scene was more about trying to make money than investigate the case. The reality is that Guy Lyon Playfair was the main investigator and the Warrens tried to insert themselves in the case. Warren's remark to Playfair was to explain to Playfair how much money Warren could help him make on the case.

On several occasions, other investigators have commented that the material published by Warren in his books was deeply embellished and that Warren arrived at scenes having already come to a conclusion and manipulated facts to make them fit his conclusion.

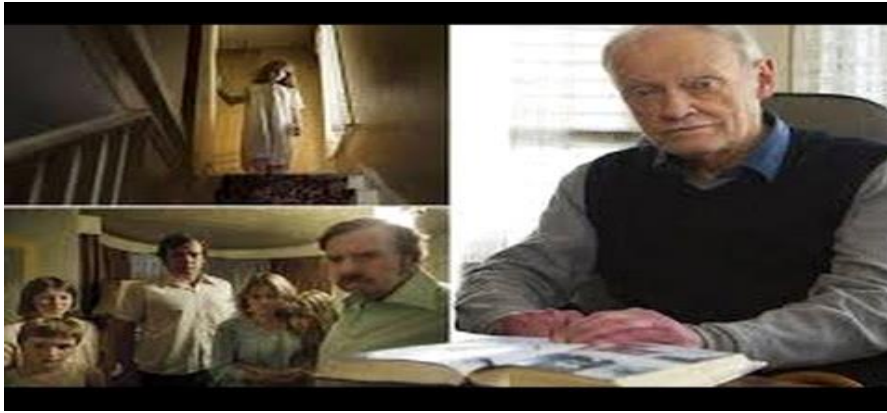
**Clearly, none of this is what you would expect from a serious Demonologist and demonstrates how cases like this can be exploited to be used for financial gain.**



### Guy Lyon Playfair

Guy Leon Playfair, perhaps the second most famous Demonologist/Paranormal investigator (there is a great deal of overlap between the two roles), was not immune from criticism.

Unlike Warren, there is **no talk of any dishonesty** at Playfair's party, but he is frequently criticized for being a bad investigator who was easily fooled.



### **Fred Batt**

Fred Batt is a self-described demonologist and works as the demonologist on the famous TV show "Most haunted."

He claims he is the one employed Demonologist in the UK.

### **Adam Blair**

Adam Blair is probably the closest thing that there is to a traditional Demonologist.

**He works for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections as a clinical psychologist and expert in religious demonology and exorcism.**

He trains priests in exorcism across the USA and is called upon to assist in house blessings and exorcisms.

I do not know of any other individual doing this today-very much except the rule as he is actually paid to exorcise demons.

### **How to Make a Living as a Demonologist**

It must be clear to readers by now that there is no such job as Demonologist (apart from just one or two exceptions).

**There is no salary attached to be a Demonologist, and there is no requirement needed to call yourself a Demonologist.**

The role of a Demonologist is simply making yourself an acknowledged expert in the topic of Demons. Then exploit that knowledge in various types of media.

Quite probably, the best route is to publish YouTube videos on your own YouTube channels in the hope that you can make money from adverts. You could also self-publish books through Amazon using your experiences and knowledge. In the same way that victims of paranormal events typically do not pay Paranormal Investigators for consultations, nobody will normally pay a Demonologist to investigate an incident. The Demonologist will investigate and then later publish the story.

### **Conclusion**

Becoming a Demonologist is a combination of a researcher, author, video presenter, and public speaker.

**I think it is fair to say that "Demonologist" is possibly the rarest job that exists.**

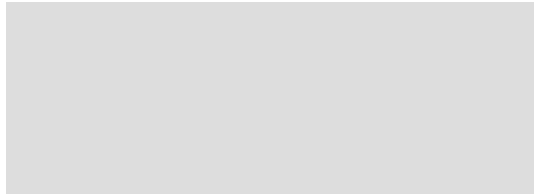
However, it might make an interesting hobby.

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# Guy Lyon Playfair

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## Guy Lyon Playfair



### Biography:

Guy Lyon Playfair was born in India, educated in England, and graduated from Cambridge University. He immigrated to Brazil and spent 14 years there as a freelance journalist, with a 4-year stint with the U.S Agency for International Development. While in Brazil, he became interested in the abundant psychic phenomena - 'psychic surgeons', poltergeists, mediums. etc.

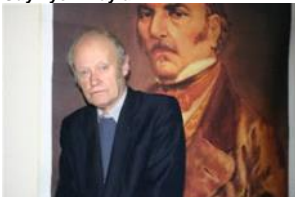
Guy then returned to England in 1975 and has written a total of 12 books, the best known being *This House is Haunted* and most recently *Twin Telepathy*. Guy became seriously interested in twin telepathy about 20 years ago when he met a man whose uncle (a twin) had been shot dead.

### Book(s):

- [Twin Telepathy](#)
- [This House is Haunted](#)

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### Guy Lyon Playfair



Born in India and raised in England, by a Mother who was a member of The Society For Psychical Research, it wasn't hard for Guy Lyon Playfair to accept that there are things out there that cannot be explained. In 1973, Guy joined The Society For Psychical Research himself, and in 2004 was elected to the organisation's council. Guy emigrated to Brazil and spent fourteen years as a freelance journalist there, whilst there he also became a member of Brazil's IBPP research group.

The author of many books about psychic powers, the unspoken communication of twins, Uri Gellar and many other topics, Guy is probably best known for his book on the Enfield Poltergeist Investigation in 1977 – 1978.



A family of five, consisting of a Mother, two daughters and two sons were facing daily occurrences of phenomena in their house. Representatives of The Society Of Psychical Research, Maurice Grosse, and Guy Lyon Playfair began investigating the house, and the claims of fraud associated with it.

It was found by the investigators that at least 26 inexplicable occurrences happened that cannot be explained by current science. Included in these phenomena were; moving furniture, pools of water on the floor, flying marbles, physical assaults and fires which spontaneously ignited and extinguished themselves.

Amongst other phenomena, was one of the young girls using her false vocal cords to speak, for hours on end. Whilst apparently possessed by an entity named "Bill". A man came forward who claimed to be Bill's son, recordings were made by the BBC, but when the film crew went to check their recording equipment they found the metal inside of their recorders bent, and their recordings erased.

Also during this investigation, Guy caught one of the young girls faking phenomena, to see if she could "catch out" the investigators, but not one try of trickery fooled either investigator.

There is plenty of controversies still about this particular case, for more information on the Enfield Poltergeist case, you can purchase Guy Lyon Playfair's book "This House Is Haunted".

Much of Guy's work has centred around psychics and psychic powers. For over 30 years he has studied the concepts associated with telepathic communication and, written many comprehensive papers and books about the subject. One of Guy's books, "Twin Telepathy" is written about the link twins have, where one can, in an entirely different hemisphere of the planet, feel the other's pain. The book delves into research conducted on shared emotions and thoughts, and even shared physical bruising!



Here is a short quote from Guy, after being questioned by Steve Volk on the Skeptico website

**Steve Volk:** "What's your best guess, at this stage, after all these years, on what poltergeists, or ghosts, are?"

**Guy Playfair:** "The short answer is that there are two possibilities. Either they are some kind of discarnate entity – which I certainly don't rule out – or else they are an entirely unknown force that emanates from the human mind. How it works we simply don't know. We can only observe its effects. I think there's quite strong evidence that it's some kind of so-called spirit or discarnate entity, kind of drifting blobs of exo-intelligence, if you like. But that is an extremely controversial opinion and not many people share it."

From <<https://eidolonparanormal.blogspot.com/2012/08/paranormal-investigators-past-and-19.html>>

Guy Lyon Playfair	
Born	5 April 1935 <a href="#">Quetta</a> , India
Died	8 April 2018 (aged 83) <a href="#">London</a> , England
Occupation	Parapsychologist, author
Nationality	British
Period	Contemporary
Genre	Non-fiction, biography
Subject	<a href="#">Parapsychology</a>

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# Lorraine Warren

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[Lorraine Warren](#)

## Biography

Born [January 31, 1927](#) in [Bridgeport, Connecticut, USA](#)  
Died [April 18, 2019](#) in [Monroe, Connecticut, USA](#) (undisclosed)  
Birth Name **Lorraine Rita Moran**

### Mini Bio (1)

Lorraine Warren was born on January 31, 1927 in Bridgeport, Connecticut, USA as Lorraine Rita Moran. She is known for her work on [The Conjuring](#) (2013), [The Conjuring 2](#) (2016) and [Amityville II: The Possession](#) (1982). She was married to [Ed Warren](#). She died on April 18, 2019 in Monroe, Connecticut.

### Family (1)

Spouse [Ed Warren \(22 May 1945 - 23 August 2006\)](#) (his death) (1 child)

### Trivia (4)

The Warrens had one daughter and four grandchildren.

Met future husband Ed when they were in their mid-teens. He was an usher in a movie theater that Lorraine attended, and she later claimed she knew psychically that he was the man she'd marry.

Attended Luralton Hall, a prestigious Catholic girls' high school in Milford, Connecticut.

Still living in hers & late husband Ed's Connecticut hometown, and making local live appearances to discuss alleged ghostly phenomena. [September 2007]

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## Mediums Don't Actually "Talk" to the Dead

There's more to mediums than candles and crystal balls.



By [Kimberly Zapata](#)  
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When most of us hear the term "medium," we think of Ouija boards, tarot cards, and [crystal balls](#). Well, that or *Long Island Medium* Theresa Caputo. But there is more to mediums than Hollywood has led us to believe. Here's everything you need to know about the role of a psychic medium and clairvoyant, and what they say they do.

### Mediums bridge the gap between the living and the deceased.

In other words, "a medium is someone who is able to communicate with souls on the other side" [Kellee White](#), a licensed psychotherapist and spiritual medium, says. However, contrary to popular belief, mediums do not speak with the dead. "There is no such thing as death," White explains. "There is only a transition from the physical being to the spiritual being...and mediums are sensitive and intuitive enough to hear, feel, and see information coming from the other side."

### Okay, but how do mediums interact with otherworldly spirits?

There are numerous ways mediums say they can facilitate "conversations" with the deceased. [ChosenEyes](#)—an Austin based psychic, medium, and tarot card reader, says "some choose to undergo possession, acting as a vessel for those spirits needing a human form to communicate with this world. Many mediums are also empathic, and thus are presumably able to share the experiences of those on both sides of the veil," and some, like Chosen Eyes, "interact with spirits as clearly as they do with those on this physical plane. Many of us are perpetually dancing between realms," she says.

### What differentiates a medium from a psychic or clairvoyant?

The distinction between mediums, psychics, and clairvoyants can be confusing. In fact, many believe the terms are interchangeable, but that is not the case. "Mediums are able to raise their vibration high enough to connect to the other side," White explains. "Psychics have the ability to give information about the past, the present, or even the future, but not deliver messages from the other side" while "clairs" receive stronger messages overall, i.e. clairvoyants are clear seeing, clairaudients are clear hearing, and clairsentients are clear feeling.

According to ChosenEyes, these individuals "usually see time and space." However, it is important to note that one gift is not greater than the other. "All serve a purpose," ChosenEyes explains.

### Considering talking to a medium? Here's what to expect.

Since mediums purportedly communicate with those who have passed on, clients should expect to "hear from" deceased friends and/or loved ones. However, the specifics of your sitting will vary. "Each medium operates differently," ChosenEyes explains. "Be open to an intangible experience, as well as receiving information that you may not have asked for. Expect some form of guidance, perspective, clarity, and authenticity," and be patient. "Mediums are humans filling a heavy space so don't hold them to an unfair standard."

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As for how to locate a medium, the best way is to get a referral. Sites like [BestPsychicDirectory.com](#) provide public reviews. Google gives users a quick and easy way to cut through the proverbial noise. (The search engine also provides detailed ranking information and—when applicable—customer comments). And personal recommendations are invaluable. However, regardless of how you make your selection, White notes you should choose a medium who "understands grief and loss... and gives good evidence of the loved one on the other side," including names, dates, and specifically traits. Their message should also make sense.

From <https://www.oprahdaily.com/life/a29229839/what-is-a-medium/>



# Clairvoyant

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## What is Clairvoyance?

Clairvoyance is a French word that means “Clear Seeing.” It’s a psychic ability, the intuitive 6<sup>th</sup> Sense, and the subtle perception that allows us to see energy. We have our usual 5 senses of the body (touch, taste, sight, smell, hearing), and we also have many psychic senses that the spirit uses to receive more subtle information, beyond the five ordinary senses.

Clairvoyance works with your *Spiritual Eye*, rather than the physical eyes. The spiritual eye is the 6<sup>th</sup> *Chakra*, or *Third Eye*, and it is an energy center in the mid-brain, behind the forehead.

*Chakra* is a Sanskrit word that means “wheel” or “energy center”. A chakra is like a spinning wheel of light and energy. Chakras contain our spiritual information. They help the spirit process information, much like the five senses process information for the body. The spirit receives information using many different chakras, and each chakra has a spiritual, or psychic ability. Clairvoyance is the Spiritual ability of the 6<sup>th</sup> chakra.

## What is a Clairvoyant?

A Clairvoyant is someone who uses the psychic ability of the third eye, or 6th chakra to “see” energy in the form of colors, pictures, images, light and movement.

Clairvoyants are regular people just like you. Anyone can develop Clairvoyant abilities with training and practice.

## What’s the Difference Between “Psychic” and “Clairvoyance”

Clairvoyance is a “psychic” ability, and there are many more psychic abilities in addition to Clairvoyance.

You could consider “psychic” to be a broad term, like the word food. There are zillions of types of food- the same goes with types psychic experiences. Food might mean a few leaves picked from the right plant, fast food, or an eight-course meal. It could mean vegetables, ice cream, pasta, pop corn, fruit salad, chocolate, kimchee, green curry - there is a seemingly endless list of food possibilities, and each provides a very different experience and different nutritional or chemical effects.

We have a spirit body, and a physical body.

The psychic fields are just as broad. Psychic experience includes everything from Clairvoyance (clear seeing) to telepathy (hearing communication without someone speaking out loud), to channeling (bringing a spirit into your body) to clairsentience (feeling what someone else feels), and so much more!

The word “psychic” stems from the Greek, and it means, “Soul Personality Energy.” All of us have soul personality energy. This is the energy of a spirit. It’s what transcends material existence and allows us to be so much more. Soul personality energy contains the entire mystical realm. We each also have “body personality energy.” Body personality energy is related to time and space, and it’s this energy that allows us to take care of our every day basics.

We have both, body and soul, and it’s important that we care for each of them so we can be vibrantly healthy, luxuriously alive, and awake to our true spiritual path. Many of us are taught some basics about taking care of the body (eat healthy, get some exercise, sleep is important, etc.), but how many of us are taught how to care for our soul in a nurturing, honoring way? Psychic training gives you tools and resources to listen to the needs of your soul, and feed your spirit.

Because you have a soul, and soul personality energy, this means you are psychic! You don’t have to learn to become psychic – you already are psychic! In order to consciously use your psychic abilities, you just need to exercise the muscle, and clear out the beliefs and ideas that keep you from knowing and receiving your spiritual truth. It’s a process of “remembering” your inherent ability!

At the Clairvoyant Center of Hawaii, we teach people how to exercise the muscle of their inherent Clairvoyance, and to develop psychic awareness using the Third Eye.

## Why Clairvoyance?

When you see something Clairvoyantly, it’s a powerful and magical experience. With proper training, you can have a ton of fun and be very safe doing this. Some other psychic fields can be more overwhelming. For example, if you feel what someone else feels (empathic ability), you might get lost, anxious, or confused by that person’s emotional state, and take it on as your own. If you simply look at the energy or emotion like a movie, you can still be in your center, and not take it on. With Clairvoyance, you can read the energy of what’s really going on in many different types of situations.

We teach Clairvoyance because it is fun, useful, healing, inspiring, and extremely helpful to ourselves and others. We teach it because it helps each of us receive and understand our answers. You can use Clairvoyance to look at yourself, make decisions, create your dreams, and more. You can also use it to give readings for other people.

Clairvoyance allows us to discover who we are, and it helps us make clear choices. It also let’s us begin to see a bigger picture and tap into the divine essence of our unique soul personality, or psychic energy.

Do you have questions in your life? Learn to get the answers by using your Clairvoyant abilities! Every question is a *quest* of some sort. With Clairvoyance the quest becomes an interesting and exciting adventure, where you can discover your inner treasures!

## Am I Psychic? Can Anyone Be Psychic or Clairvoyant?

Yes! That includes you! Many people believe that they’re not psychic, or that they don’t see things. Perhaps they’re more used to feeling things, or hearing things, or they have a stronger sense of being able to figure things out logically, rather than intuitively. Even if that’s been your experience, you absolutely have access to your innate Clairvoyant ability – it’s simply a matter of strengthening the ability, trusting it, and clearing out old beliefs that say it’s not possible. This is exactly what we do in our Clairvoyant training programs and classes.

Did you know how to swim, or ride a bicycle before someone taught you? And even after you learned how, it probably took some practice before you felt confident, right? It's the same thing with Clairvoyance. You *can* become confident in your ability to see energy, it just takes practice!

In the beginning, you might just see colors or shapes, or haze, or lightness or darkness. Maybe you see movement, or even a symbol. You might not see energy like a technicolor photograph, and that's okay! When we look at energy, we use the Spiritual Eye, and things look different through this eye than they do to our physical eyes.

The Clairvoyant Center teaches how to see energy as colors, vibration, and images. When you strengthen this muscle, you can quickly learn to read an Aura, and look at all kinds of energy.

## How to Become Clairvoyant

The good news is you don't have to become Clairvoyant. You already are! The trick is to access your inherent ability. This ability is located in your head, but it's different than your thinking centers, which perform a totally different function.

The seeing center is close to your eyes, which makes sense: you have to learn to get in your body for this to work. You also have to get into the right place in your body. You can't see from your heart, or belly or knee cap. You must get in your head.

When developing Clairvoyance there are generally two types of people. One type has it shut down or turned very low. These people will need to clear out the blocks. We teach people techniques to do this as well as how to actually access it. They may also need to clear the energies that say, "it's not real," or, "it's only imagination." Imagination is a clairvoyant function! The word imagination is about creating with images, which is a Clairvoyant ability!

The other type of person has their Clairvoyance turned way up and it's out of control. These types see all kinds of things and may have trouble discerning what is real. This is sometimes overwhelming and these people may experience anxiety, confusion and discomfort. They will need to turn the ability down, clear it out, and manage it differently. Often though, these people are very enthusiastic; they simply have erratic Clairvoyance and will enjoy learning techniques to help them be able to focus it.

Clairvoyance isn't hard to learn, and it's fun! With just a bit of inspiration and the willingness to practice some exercises, you can safely develop your abilities.

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## Where to Begin

To have a taste of Clairvoyance, we recommend that you get a [Clairvoyant Reading](#). A reading isn't scary, it's incredibly validating to your spirit, and a fascinating experience.

To learn to develop your abilities: [start in a Clairvoyant 101 class](#).

In Clairvoyance 101, you will discover and learn some amazing tools and techniques that you can use every day. If you love what you learn, you can continue with Clairvoyance 102, and then the [Clairvoyant Training Program](#). If you graduate from the Clairvoyant Training Program and want more, you can continue in our Teacher Training & Spiritual Leadership Program, One-to-One courses, and our many graduate-level workshops and trainings.

*Spiritual freedom embraces diversity and celebrates the uniqueness of every human soul. Each of us is an integral part of the Divine whole. Everyone - of every race, culture, gender, gender expression, sex, sexual orientation, ability, age, faith, class and background - is welcome. **Clairvoyance is for everyone!***

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## Haunting story of 'possessed' Annabelle Doll that 'killed man and is set to escape museum' this Halloween

- Cierra Jones
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**THE true story of Annabelle is far more haunting than what was told in the hit film and involves the death of a man who didn't listen.**

Many think [Annabelle](#) is a possessed porcelain doll that was given to a girl and wreaked terror on her entire family thanks to the horror film, but that's far from the full story.



4 The original 'possessed' Annabelle doll is located at The Occult Museum. Credit: The Warren's Occult Museum



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Years ago, the late paranormal investigator Lorraine Warren spoke about uncovering the real story of Annabelle with her late husband Ed Warren, also a paranormal investigator.

For starters, Annabelle is actually a classic Raggedy Ann doll with red yarn for hair.

She currently resides in a locked box at Warren's [Occult Museum](#) at her Monroe home.

Per the Warrens, the doll is occupied by an "inhuman spirit," and those who approach its glass case are instructed to not touch it.

One person, in particular, chose to disobey those rules - a move that proved deadly.

After taunting the doll, a motorcyclist was instructed to leave before later being involved in a crash that resulted in his death.

"Never take things like this lightly, thinking it's a joke," Tony Spera, Warren's son-in-law, stated regarding the motorcyclist.

### ANNABELLE ESCAPES MUSEUM

According to reports, rumors of Annabelle's alleged escape began after a Chinese translation mishap of a video by a YouTube user named Hi Tech.

In the video, Annabelle actress Annabelle Wallis was doing an interview, in which, she stated that she got Mummy co-star Tom Cruise to run with her on camera.

Somehow, when it was translated to Chinese, the story was switched to "Annabelle escaped," by Hi Tech.

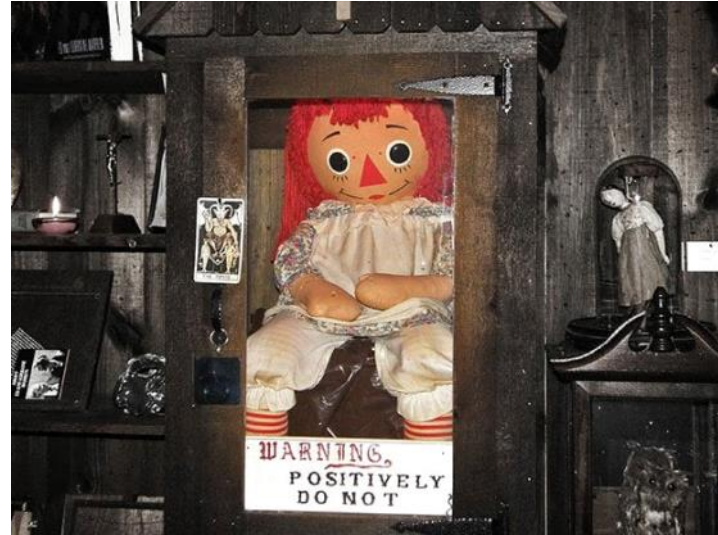
From there, social media went into a frenzy with thoughts that the doll known for being possessed by an evil spirit had [managed to escape the museum](#).

However, according to Spera, the current museum owner, the rumor is not true.

In a video, uploaded to Youtube, the paranormal investigator assured social media users that Annabelle was still in the museum, in the glass case.

"I'm in here, in the museum, because of the rumors that Annabelle has escaped," [Spera said in the video](#).

## The True Story Of Annabelle The Demonic Doll



Lorraine Warren With The "Annabelle" Doll

In 1970, Donna, a student nurse, received an antique Raggedy Ann doll from her mother as a birthday present. Taking the doll back to her small apartment which she shared with her roommate, she placed the doll on her bed and thought no more about it. At first, both women noted that the doll had started to creep them out, but then they began to notice that the doll had begun to change its position and then to move to different rooms from where it had been left.

Donna and her roommate Angie would find the doll sitting crossed-legged on the couch with its arms folded, other times it was found upright, standing on its feet and leaning against a chair in the dining room. Several times Donna, placing the doll on the couch before leaving for work, would return home to find the doll back in her room on the bed with the door closed.

The doll not only moved but could write too. About a month into their experiences, Donna and Angie began to find penciled messages on parchment paper that read "help us". The handwriting looked to belong to a small child.

Knowing that they must do something about the sinister doll, the roommates contacted a medium who conducted a seance. Through the medium, Donna and Angie were contacted by a spirit named Annabelle Higgins who told them her story. Annabelle explained she was a young girl who had lived near to where apartment complex now stood.

Annabelle told the women that she felt comfort and safe with them and wanted to stay with them and be loved. Feeling compassion for Annabelle and her story, Donna gave her permission to inhabit the doll and stay with them. They were to soon find out, however, that Annabelle was not all she seemed to be.





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"I'm in here, in the museum, because of the rumors that Annabelle has escaped," [Spera said in the video](#).

"I gotta tell you something. I don't know if you're gonna wanna hear this or not, but Annabelle did not escape... She didn't take a trip. She didn't fly first class, and she didn't go out to visit her boyfriend."

**Read more:** [Haunted dolls ruined our lives - from 'possessed toys to leaking blood to others responsible for death and strokes'](#)

## THE ANNABELLE MOVIES

According to several Annabelle films, the doll was said to be "terrifying porcelain doll that is disfigured and immediately menacing".

It has been seen in [the Conjuring movie franchise](#) in films such as Annabelle (2014), Annabelle: Creation (2017), and Annabelle Comes Home (2019).

[The Sun](#) noted that in the original conjuring film, an evil spirit attached itself to the doll.

Her origin was later explored in the prequel, in which, character John Form gave the doll to his pregnant wife Mia as a gift.

However, whenever the family was near the doll, they became haunted.

## ANNABELLE'S 'REAL' STORY

To a group of Catholic girls' high school students, Lorraine revealed that the film 'Annabelle', which was a prequel to "The Conjuring," was indeed fabricated.

The real story of Annabelle began in 1970.

At the time, a 28-year-old nurse had received the doll from as a birthday present from her mother. After laying the doll on her bed, she began noticing that the doll had shifted to several positions and locations around her and her roommates homes.

In one instance, parchment paper with messages reading "Help me, help us" began appearing on the floor, although the girls didn't own any parchment paper.

In another, a sleeping male friend woke up to feelings of being strangled as the doll stared at him. He also noticed scratches on his upper body.

"Not knowing where to turn they contacted a medium and a seance was held," the Occult Museum website mentioned.

Through the medium, the girls were introduced to Annabelle Higgins' spirit. It was revealed that the young girl had resided and died on the property at age 7, before it was converted into apartments.

The young girl spirit felt relaxed in the apartment with the roommates and wanted to stay and be loved.

**Read more:** [Can you spot the evil red-eyed mummy in this brain teaser?](#)

They agreed to allow the spirit occupy the doll, but in turn, things got worse.

After taking an interest in the case, the Warren's contacted the nurse to offer assistance.

Soon after, they "came to the immediate conclusion that the doll itself was not in fact possessed but manipulated by an inhuman presence," the site added.

"This spirit manipulated the doll and created the illusion of it being alive in order to get recognition."

"Truly, the spirit was not looking to stay attached to the doll, it was looking to possess a human host."

After they ordered an exorcism, Spera stated the Warrens removed the doll from the apartment. During their exit, Ed suggested that they didn't take the highway home and he was right.

The couple had to give the Annabelle doll holy water to calm it down because of the bumpy-ride home.



4 The New England Center for Psychic Research in Connecticut founded by Ed and Lorraine



"Annabelle" Doll at the Warren's Occult Museum

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A mutual friend of the roommates, Lou had never been fond of the doll and had warned Donna to get rid of it. One night his warnings came true. Waking from a deep sleep, Lou found to his horror that he was completely paralysed. Looking down at his feet he saw the doll, Annabelle. It began to slowly glide up his leg, moved over his chest and then stopped. Within seconds the doll was strangling him. Paralysed and gasping for breath and at the point of asphyxiation, he blacked out. He awoke the next morning, certain it wasn't a dream.

The next terrifying encounter he experienced occurred when he and Angie were alone in the flat preparing for a road trip the next day. Hearing rustling noises from Donna's room, Lou quietly made his way to the bedroom door, waiting for the strange noises to stop before entering and turning on the light. He discovered the room was empty except for the doll which looked like it had been hurriedly tossed into the corner. He began to search the room for anything out of place, but as he got close to the doll he got the distinct impression that somebody was behind him. Spinning around he was surprised to find that nobody else was there. Then in flash he found himself grabbing for his chest, doubled over and bleeding. On his chest were seven distinct claw marks, three vertically and four horizontally, all were hot like burns.

Finally willing to believe that the spirit was not that of a young girl, Donna contacted a priest named Father Cooke who immediately contacted the Warrens. Ed and Lorraine Warren were already well known for their paranormal investigation into the notorious Amityville case. After speaking to the roommates, Ed and Lorraine came to the conclusion that the doll was not possessed but instead, was being manipulated by an inhuman presence using the doll to create the illusion of it being alive. The inhuman presence was not looking to stay attached to the doll, the Warren's told the women, it was instead looking to possess a human host.



Ed & Lorraine Warren Outside Of The "Amityville" House

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The New England Centre for Psychic Research in Connecticut founded by Ed and Lorraine Warren, in 1952. The Occult Museum has gone on to become the biggest museum of its kind, housing the largest collection of obscure and haunted, or demonic, artifacts.Credit: The Warren's Occult Museum



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Inside of the New England Centre for Psychic Research in Connecticut founded by Ed and Lorraine Warren, in 1952. The Occult Museum has gone on to become the biggest museum of its kind, housing the largest collection of obscure and haunted, or demonic, artifacts.Credit: The Warren's Occult Museum

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It first began moving the doll around the apartment by means of teleportation to arouse the occupant's curiosity in hopes that they would give it recognition. By bringing a medium into the apartment to communicate with it, the demonic spirit was then able to communicate and prey on the girls emotional vulnerabilities by pretending to be a harmless, lost young girl. During the séance, it was given permission from Donna to inhabit the doll and in turn, the apartment and eventually the women.

The Warrens believed that the next stage of the demonic infestation phenomenon would have been complete human possession. Had these experiences lasted another 2 or 3 more weeks the spirit would have completely possessed, and also harmed or killed one or all of the occupants in the house.



#### "Annabelle" Doll

At the conclusion of the investigation, the Warrens felt it appropriate to have a recitation of an exorcism blessing to cleanse the apartment. At Donna's request, and as a further precaution against the phenomena ever occurring in the home again, the Warrens took the rag doll along with them when they left. They had a special case built for Annabelle, where she resides to this day. The locked case has kept the doll from moving around, but whatever terrible entity is attached to it is still there, waiting and no doubt biding its time.

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## Amityville Horror

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## The Real 'Amityville Horror': Chilling Facts About the Crime and Haunted House

Five people were murdered at the Long Island residence in 1974 and frightening tales about the home continue to spook.

Thirty miles outside of New York City, nestled in the Long Island town of Amityville, stands the house forever linked to the *Amityville Horror* phenomenon. On November 13, 1974, the estate was the scene of mass murder. Using a .35 Marlin rifle, 23-year-old Ronald J. DeFeo Jr. murdered his entire family while they were asleep, which included his parents and four siblings.

Thirteen months later, the Lutz family purchased the home at a drastically reduced price of \$80,000 (due to the murders) but only lasted 28 days before leaving it. Their spine-tingling tales of paranormal activity are what propelled the legend of the *Amityville Horror* and spawned a torrent of books, documentaries and films.

Check out some of the scary facts claimed by the Lutz family, as well as other interesting ones about the infamous house whose horror has yet to die:

### The Lutz family experienced supernormal activity

- Stepfather George Lutz had a history of dabbling in the occult.
- George was said to wake up at 3:15 am every morning, which was around the time Ron carried out his murders.
- The Lutz family claimed to smell strange odors, see green slime oozing out of the walls and keyholes and experience cold spots in certain areas of the house.
- When a priest came to bless the house, he allegedly heard a voice scream "Get out!" He told the Lutzes to never sleep in that particular room in the house.
- Other paranormal activity: A nearby garage door opening and closing; an invisible spirit knocking a knife down in the kitchen; a pig-like creature with red eyes staring down at George and his son Daniel from a window; George waking up to wife Kathy levitating off their bed; sons Daniel and Christopher also levitating together in their beds.

### Many question the validity of the Lutz's story

- After telling their story, George and Kathy took a lie detector test to prove their innocence. They passed.
- The couple was bogged down in legal and financial issues, which prompted skeptics to believe they had the motive to create a fantastical story to sell to the public.
- The Lutz's former lawyer William Weber — who fell out with them over money issues — came out in 1979, claiming the three of them came up with the horror story "over many bottles of wine."
- Son Daniel, who lives a quiet life in Queens, New York as a stonemason, claims the house ruined his life and that he continues to have nightmares to this day.
- Murderer Ron, who's still alive and serving six 25-year-life sentences at a New York correctional facility, claimed he heard voices urging him to kill his family. He has since changed his story multiple times.

### The Amityville House still stands — with a new address

- The Amityville House officially sold in February 2017 to an undisclosed owner for \$605,000, which was \$200,000 less than the original asking price. It had been previously owned by four other families since the murders, one of which had the address changed to 108 Ocean Ave. (The house originally stood at 112 Ocean Ave.)

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## The real story behind the infamous Amityville Horror house

By

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'Amityville Horror' killer Ronald DeFeo dead in prison at 69

It's been more than 45 years since George and Kathy Lutz fled their house in Amityville, Long Island, claiming it was haunted by evil spirits.

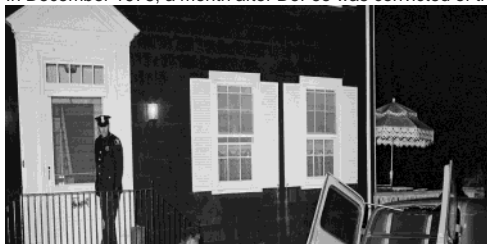
The couple's terrifying tale of demonic possession inspired the 1977 book "[The Amityville Horror](#)," a hit 1979 movie of the same name and several sequels, including a 2005 remake.

Though their story is now widely thought of as a hoax, the Lutz's [so-called horror house](#) continues to fascinate the public.

The three-story colonial — its original address was 112 Ocean Ave. but was changed to 108 to deter tourists — was the site of a brutal slaughter.

Ronald DeFeo Jr. then 23, gunned down his parents and four siblings there on November 13, 1974. The notorious killer [died behind bars](#) on March 12 at 69.

In December 1975, a month after DeFeo was convicted of the murders, the Lutz couple and their three young kids moved into the house, which they had reportedly snatched for \$80,000.







Two members of the Suffolk County Coroner's Office remove one of six bodies that were found shot in Amityville on Nov. 14, 1974. AP Photo/Richard Drew  
The day they moved, the couple had a priest bless the house. But George claimed the holy man felt an unseen hand slap him in the sewing room and heard a voice say "Get out." Soon after, the couple said they began noticing odd things around the house, such as doors being ripped from hinges, cabinets slamming shut and slime oozing from the ceilings.



Ronald DeFeo died in his prison cell on March 12, 2021. Newsday RM via Getty Images  
"There were ... odors in the house that came and went," George [told ABC News in 2006](#). "There were sounds. The front door would slam shut in the middle of the night.... I couldn't get warm in the house for many days."  
He claimed that he would mysteriously wake up at 3:15 a.m. nearly every day — around the same time the DeFeo murders were believed to have happened.



The infamous Amityville Horror house where Ronald DeFeo killed six of his family members, Bettmann Archive  
At times, his wife was physically transformed into an old woman and once levitated, George said. One night, he heard his children's beds "slamming up and down on the floor" but claimed he couldn't do anything because an invisible force was paralyzing him.

The family moved out after 28 days, reportedly leaving their possessions behind, including clothes in their closets and food in the fridge.  
Two months later, a local TV crew did a segment on the house, bringing in so-called "ghost hunters" and paranormal experts to evaluate the couple's claims.  
"It was like a psychic slumber party," reporter Laura Didio recalled to ABC.  
The team took several photos inside, including [a now-infamous image](#) apparently showing a "ghost boy" peering out from one of the bedrooms. The psychics agreed that there was some kind of demonic force present in the house.  
The Lutzes later collaborated with author Jay Anson for his best-selling book. The family has said they never signed a contract with Anson, and that the tome and successful film spin-off netted them \$300,000.



The Amityville house at 112 Ocean Avenue was reportedly purchased by the Lutz couple for \$80,000. Realtor.com

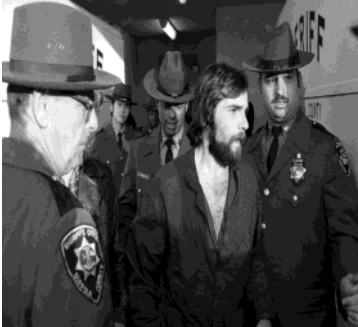


Many people expressed doubts about their horror story, which fell under even more scrutiny after DeFeo's defense attorney, William Weber, admitted he and the couple came up with the tale over several bottles of wine.

"We took real-life incidents and transposed them," Weber reportedly [said on the TV program](#) "A Current Affair" in May 1988. "In other words, it was a hoax." Still, George, who died in 2006, maintained that the story was the real deal, telling ABC, "I can just say what I experienced."



A police department diver enters the swimming pool at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald DeFeo searching for a gun in Amityville, N.Y. on Nov. 14, 1974. ASSOCIATED PRESS  
His son Daniel Lutz, who was 10 at the time, has [said that George invited mysterious and dangerous forces](#) into their lives due to his interest in the occult.  
The Queens resident [recounted his side of the story](#) in the 2013 documentary "My Amityville Horror."



Ronald DeFeo Jr., center, leaves Suffolk County district court after a hearing, Nov. 15, 1974. AP Photo/Richard Drew  
George's stepson, Christopher Quaratino, who was 7 when he lived in the house, [came forward in 2005](#) to say that events in "The Amityville Horror" books and movies had been stretched to the point of fiction.

Quaratino also said that George was obsessed with the occult and had exaggerated some paranormal incidents he believes did occur when he was a child.



In this Nov. 14, 1974 file photo, police and members of the Suffolk County Coroner's Office investigate the murder of six people found shot in Amityville, N.Y. AP Photo/Richard Drew, File  
"He's a professional showman, in my opinion," Quaratino said. "I just feel as though we're being exploited."

The notorious house has passed through the hands of several owners since the Lutzes lived there — and no one else has reported any spooky happenings.

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## The Snedeker Family Haunting and the “True” Story Behind the Haunting in Connecticut Movie

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A haunting in Connecticut: A photograph of the Snedeker family featured in a newspaper at the time.

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In the late 1980s, one of the most horrific hauntings ever reported was investigated by the seasoned paranormal investigators, Ed and Lorraine Warren. The haunting allegedly plagued the entire Snedeker family, who lived in Southington, Connecticut, for years. It is believed that the entities within their home routinely abused them in abominable ways and made their lives a living hell.

### The alleged narrative of the Snedeker family haunting

In 1986, Carmen and Al Snedeker were both driving long distances from their home in northern New York to get medical treatment for Carmen's son Phillip, who suffered with Hodgkin's disease. The commute was making their situation unbearable, and thus they decided to move somewhere closer to the medical centre. This is when they found an apartment, one of two in a large colonial house, available to rent at an affordable price.

The house in Connecticut was spacious enough for them to move in with their children and nieces. They just needed to convert the basement into two rooms for their children. It was during this conversion that Al discovered mortuary equipment in the basement, which included coffin handles, a chain-and-pulley casket lift, and a blood drainage pit. It turned out that the house had served as a funeral home for many decades previously.



The house where the Snedeker family claimed to have been terribly abused by an invisible, supernatural entity. (Image credit: [J.W. Ocker / Atlas Obscura](#))

The Snedekers did not think too much of their home's past. Whilst it may have been somewhat morbid, they decided to continue with the conversion of the basement where dead bodies would have constantly passed through, for their two sons to sleep in.

From the very first night of sleeping there, Phillip complained of hearing strange voices and anomalous sounds. He even described seeing shadow figures, and a man with a pin-striped suit with white hair, skulking in the dark, staring at him as he slept. Phillip supposedly became so terrified of his room that he begged to be allowed to stay at the hospital. <sup>1</sup>

Despite his insistence that what he was experiencing was true, Phillip's parents dismissed his claims, suspecting hallucinations as a side effect of the cobalt treatment he was receiving for his illness.

After moving into the basement, Phillip's personality is said to have changed drastically. His interests and tastes altered – he started to wear leather and developed a strong interest in the occult. It was when Phillip started to get violent that the Snedekers made the decision to send him away. At one point he is known to have broken in to their neighbours' house to steal a gun in order to harm his step-father, Al. On another occasion, it is alleged that he assaulted his female cousin.

### The Snedekers claim to be haunted by evil entities

It is claimed that once Phillip was out of the house, the dark forces residing within the walls started to turn their attention towards the rest of the family.

The other children began to report seeing ghosts, hearing footsteps and voices. Carmen reported once having mopped the floor, only to see the water turn blood red in front of her eyes. The couple's bed was said to have vibrated inexplicably. During a television interview, Carmen and Al described how the bed often vibrated with a sort of "heartbeat". They alleged that numerous visitors to their home had felt these unearthly vibrations. As well as this, the electrical sockets and light bulbs were described as having an unnatural glow – even when the bulbs were removed from their sockets. Foul odours of rotten meat and human feces were also claimed to have plagued the household. <sup>3</sup>

The haunting continued for years. As peculiar as these incidents were, the situation was not considered too serious until the incidents started to escalate – and become violent.



Al (left) and Carmen Snedeker when they appeared on television in 1992 to discuss their experiences. (Image credit: The Sally Jessy Raphael Show)

Carmen is reported by *The Huffington Post* as having described a particularly terrifying incident. “The shower curtain very quickly wrapped around me, and I couldn’t push away.” According to the article, her only thought was that “this thing” was trying to “kill” her.<sup>4</sup>

Other incidents were reported as being equally heinous. Their niece claimed to have felt a disembodied hand touch her in a sexual manner. She even alleged that an unearthly presence had raped her. Speaking about these abhorrent attacks, Carmen described how the entity “laughed a hideous laugh when it went above her shirt and out the window.”<sup>5</sup>

Sexual assault was something which other members of the family claimed to have experienced as well.

Carmen and Al both reported having been disturbed on many nights by an unearthly atmosphere in their bed. They described having heard 1930s’ ambient mood music playing in the background, which occasionally preceded an assault upon one or both of them. The couple asserted that they had both been raped multiple times by a dark entity. Shockingly, Carmen even stated on television that once, whilst running away from their home down the road, her niece was hideously abused the entire way.<sup>6</sup>

“One night I ran down the street with Kelly, being sodomised the whole way.” – Carmen Snedeker

When asked during an interview why they did not leave the house after these terrible incidents, Carmen explained how she believed this would make no difference. “Everywhere we went, it followed us.”<sup>7</sup>

It was at this point that [Ed and Lorraine Warren](#), the famous demonologist and clairvoyant, became involved in the case. The Warrens, along other investigators, spent a total of nine weeks at the Snedekers’ home. When describing what they encountered at the location, the Warrens rated the possessing entity as a nine on a scale of one to ten. They concluded “the house was infested with demons”.<sup>8</sup>

After much alleged documentation and investigation, the Warrens claimed that they arranged for the house to be [exorcised](#).<sup>9</sup>

After the house was cleansed, the Snedekers moved out to another house, and afterwards were involved in the writing of a book, as well as being featured in documentaries, television shows and being the inspiration for a [movie](#).

This is their official narrative. However, when the case is examined in detail, it quickly becomes clear that the Snedekers’ story is muddled and at times extremely confusing. Even the names of those involved, such as those of the couple’s nieces, cannot be ascertained with any certainty. No detail is reported with consistency, except for Philip’s illness.

## Unravelling the case of the Snedeker family

There is no disputing that the Snedeker’s wished to move to Southington to be closer to the hospital for Phillip’s treatment. There is, however, much disagreement concerning whether or not they knew the house they decided to rent had previously been a funeral home.

It was the disturbing discovery that they were living in an old funeral home that can be said to be the moment that the Snedeker family’s fortunes changed for the worse. However, Darrel Kern, the owner of the house, has said that Carmen and Al were fully aware of the house’s history before they moved in. Some have even claimed that there was a sign, engraved “Hallahan Funeral Home”, beside the entrance when they viewed the house. The Snedekers and others have disputed this by saying that the sign had been covered with plywood, and thus concealed from view. Whatever the truth, that such a small detail has been so hotly disputed helps give an idea of the amount of muddling involved in this case.

## Landlord and neighbours dispute the Snedekers’ claims

For many at the time, the truth about the Snedekers was obvious: the family had invented the whole story. The owner of the house, Kern, flatly stated that the entire case was a [hoax](#). When interviewed by a local newspaper, he made his thoughts very clear.

“It’s a fraud. It’s a joke. It’s a hoax. It’s Halloween.” – Darrel Kern

Kern stated that the paranormal activity seemed to have conveniently escalated around the time the Snedekers started to get behind on their rent, and that they moved out before eviction proceedings were complete.<sup>10</sup>



A clipping from a local newspaper. Many local residents came forward to dispute the Snedekers’ claims. (Image source: Hartford Courant)

The landlord was not the only one to have voiced doubts as to the genuineness of the case. One of the Snedekers’ neighbours, Yvonne, stated on television that there was never a problem until they got behind on the rent.<sup>11</sup>

Another neighbour, Katherine Altemus, stated in an interview that it was her opinion that the Snedekers “had this planned right from when they moved in.”<sup>12</sup>

Such doubt was shared by the family’s upstairs neighbour, whom they shared the duplex with. This neighbour, Sandy, had not seen or heard anything supernatural in the building<sup>13</sup>. Sandy had also been an employee of the real estate agency that the family had employed to find their new home at the time. As far as she was concerned, Carmen and Al “were totally made aware that [...] this was a funeral home.” She also corroborated the fact that the Snedekers were falling behind on the rent. When asked by the news reporter what their motive could have been for potentially inventing such a hideous narrative, Sandy flatly said, “money.”

Indeed, Sandy described a very different story for the television camera. According to her, it all began when Carmen told her she was having nightmares. Sandy had suggested to her that she take some sleeping pills. Carmen allegedly responded by saying, “No, it is my father coming to haunt me. I am calling the Warrens.”<sup>14</sup>

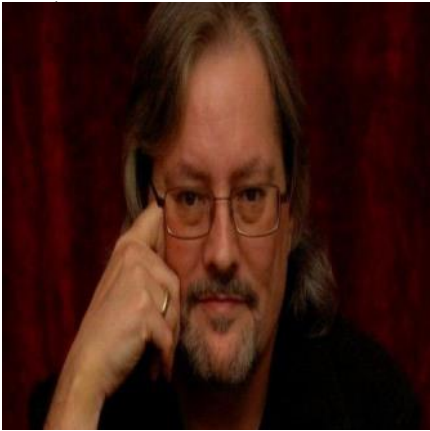
Ed and Lorraine Warren were by that time firmly established as household names, as a result of their connection to the Amityville haunting and other famous paranormal cases.

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For all of these accusations, it is inappropriate to dismiss the Snedekers’ claims on the sole basis of external observations. What happens behind closed doors is, after all, out of sight of the outside world. Surely, therefore, it was the Snedekers who were best placed to report on what was happening inside their home?

**Ray Garton, author of the Snedekers’ book, undermines their claims**

According to Ray Garton, the author who was commissioned by the Warrens to document the Snedekers’ experiences for a book titled *In a Dark Place*, trying to extract a consistent narrative from the family was impossible.



Ray Garton has written over sixty books and is best known for his work in horror fiction. (Image source: [Kendall Reviews](#))  
 In the years since the explosion of interest in the case, Garton has been very vocal in expressing the frustration he experienced when working with the Snedekers. "The family involved, which was going through some serious problems like alcoholism and drug addiction, could not keep their story straight," he is quoted as having said in 2009.<sup>15</sup>

*"I became very frustrated; it's hard writing a non-fiction book when all the people involved are telling you different stories."* – Ray Garton  
 As Garton "gathered all the necessary information for the book", he "found that the accounts of the individual Snedekers didn't quite mesh." According to Garton, it was as though they were incapable of keeping their stories straight.<sup>16</sup>

Such a statement from someone tasked with recording the Snedekers' experiences, casts serious doubt upon their alleged narrative.  
 And certainly, when one analyses the various statements made by the Snedekers, inconsistencies are easy to spot.

### Inconsistencies in the Snedekers' claims

When asked why they did not leave the house earlier, Carmen's answer changed depending upon who was asking the question. On one occasion, she explained that the happenings would follow them, making moving a pointless task. On another occasion, however, she claimed that she was "unaware" of what was happening in the house, stating that "it was the kids being tormented", and not her.<sup>17</sup>  
 Obviously, this statement runs in complete contrast to her detailed and sordid revelations about the physical and sexual abuse she personally endured at the property – claims which she announced on television.<sup>18</sup>



Al and Carmen Snedeker recreated and recounted their horrific nighttime experiences on the set of a television chat show. (Image credit: The Sally Jessy Raphael Show)  
 That Carmen ever experienced such terrible abuse has been questioned by many, including one of her neighbours, Joan Mirabelle. She described how she often saw the family outside their house in the middle of the night, saying that they could not go back in. Yet, far from being terrified, as one would expect after having supposedly experienced the atrocities which they claimed, the family seemed perfectly happy.<sup>19</sup>

*"They never seemed to be afraid," Mirabelle stated. "They were always out there laughing and joking."* – Joan Mirabelle  
 The role of Carmen's son, Philip, in the haunting can also be said to undermine some of the family's claims. In Garton's book, it is said that Philip, dubbed Steven in the text, was caught fondling his cousins and was questioned by police afterwards. This led to Philip admitting that this was not the first time he had acted inappropriately with his female relatives. According to the book, Philip admitted to having performed such heinous acts habitually, in secret at night, without being caught, and that he even once attempted, unsuccessfully, to sleep with his cousin. After this shocking admission, Phillip was taken to a juvenile detention centre where a psychiatrist diagnosed him as schizophrenic.<sup>20</sup>  
 That Philip admitted to having committed obscenities similar to those attributed to the demonic entities said to reside in the family's home is hard to ignore. It could be said that, rather than being attacked by unseen, supernatural creatures, the family were instead being abused by Philip, and that their fantastical claims were invented as a form of psychological coping mechanism.

### Ed and Lorraine Warren and the Snedeker family

Ed and Lorraine Warren's involvement in the Snedeker case has been criticised.  
 The couple claimed to have arranged for an exorcism to be performed at the house, but have never provided any substantiating evidence to prove this. When questioned on television at the time, Ed referred to the priest who conducted the exorcism as a "Father A.", who had supposedly appeared on television before. When pressed to give more detail, Ed responded with disproportionate aggression by saying, "Father A. that's the name I give you. I don't have to give you anything."<sup>21</sup>  
 Ed went on to state that evidence of the priests being there could be proven by "official records from the chancellery."<sup>22</sup> Yet, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hartford, which covers the area where the Snedekers lived, reported that no officially sanctioned exorcism rite had taken place there.<sup>23</sup> The Warrens' claims could not be substantiated.  
 Throughout the televised interview in which the Warrens appeared alongside Carmen and Al Snedeker, Ed did not engage in the debate. Instead, he can be seen dogmatically and aggressively enforcing his views. Ed even accuses one of the neighbours of being "paid off by the landlord" to dispute the Snedekers' claims. When Joe Nickell, a sceptical investigator, appeared on the set of the television show, Ed also berated him aggressively and constantly talked over him.<sup>24</sup>  
*"What are you going to do about it?"* – Ed Warren when Nickell says he should be careful who he calls a liar.  
 Afterwards, Nickell even claimed that "Ed made veiled threatening asides to me and, offstage, swore like a sailor."<sup>25</sup>





Passion or bullying? Ed Warren was unable to let Joe Nickell finish a sentence when they appeared together on a chat show to discuss the case. (Image credit: The Sally Jessy Raphael Show)

Ed Warren's other on-screen appearances connected with the case can be said to do little to help alleviate the image of him being arrogant and short-tempered.

In another interview, when questioned by reporters about the priest who supposedly conducted an exorcism at the property, Ed once again became hostile, shouting and gesticulating aggressively.

"This is baloney," he said on camera, "come on, let's get out of here." After this, he started to walk off camera. As he walked away, the reporter asked him to stay and answer some more questions, for the sake of improving his credibility. Ed responded by simply saying, "I don't care about credibility, pal." 26

Ed Warren's lack of interest in credibility in connection with this case is something which the author Ray Garton has confirmed. When interviewed for *Horror Bound Magazine*, Garton described how he once approached Warren with concerns about the inconsistencies with the Snedekers' testimonies. Warren, Garton has claimed, responded by saying, "Oh, they're crazy [...] All the people who come to us are crazy. You think sane people would come to us?" After condemning the Snedekers, Warren supposedly told Garton to "just use what works" from their testimonies, and then "make the rest up." 27

*"Just make it up and make it scary." — Ed Warren to Ray Garton*



Ed and Lorraine Warren were involved in many cases of modern hauntings and possessions, including the now infamous [Amityville haunting](#) and [Perron family](#) haunting.

The case's connection to fiction can also arguably be seen in its similarity to the popular 1982 horror movie [The Entity](#). In this film, the female protagonist is repeatedly assaulted by an invisible, supernatural entity. In an interview, one of the nieces, called Tammy by the interviewer, draws parallels between the movie and what she experienced. According to the reporter, the character in the film is "attacked almost identically to the description by Carmen of her own experiences". Both Carmen and her niece are described as having "affection" for *The Entity* film in the interview. Could it be that this affection transformed into inspiration for an "entity" of their own creation? 28

Clearly, there is a lot of evidence available to condemn the Snedeker case – although not enough to entirely dismiss it as a complete fabrication.

After all, it must be considered what kind of person would construct such abhorrent lies about their family – their children – being abused in such a manner? Such a false narrative, could have wide and damaging psychological repercussions, especially on children. The degree of callousness and sadism required would be extraordinary. Were Carmen and Al Snedeker capable of such cruel behaviour?

## Support for the Snedekers' claims of haunting

Asides from this concern, neighbours have reported seeing the Snedekers outside their home in the middle of the night. Joan Mirabelle even claimed to have seen a mysterious green glow coming from one of their windows, as well as alleging to have been stung by a mysterious force when she visited the family's house.

"I don't believe they had made the whole thing up," Mirabelle told a local newspaper. She was, however, suspicious of some of Carmen Snedeker's claims. Commenting on the growing media storm connected to the case, Mirabelle described how "everytime I have seen her [Carmen] on TV, the story became more and more involved and it just got bigger." 29.

Nancy Boucher, Al Snedeker's sister, also corroborated having experienced paranormal activity in the family's house. 30

## John Zaffis and the Snedeker haunting

Another willing to stake their reputation on the Snedekers' claims being true is John Zaffis, the paranormal researcher and nephew of Ed and Lorraine Warren who worked with them during their nine weeks at the property.



John Zaffis, known for the reality TV show *Haunted Collector*, pictured with Al and Carmen Snedeker.

He has described experiencing dark happenings at the house. One particular incident, he has stated, happened whilst he was studying some notes on the dining room table. "The room grew bitterly cold," Zaffis is reported as having said. "I could sense a presence around me."

Supposedly, he attempted, in vain, to get somebody to wake up in the living room, when, all of a sudden, he looked up the stairs and "saw an apparition starting to form." He has described smelling a "disgusting odour, so foul" that it restricted his ability to breathe. As the apparition manifest, he claimed he "could hear a noise that sounded like thousands of flapping wings coming from behind it." This hideous being supposedly descended the stairs towards him. As it approached, it is alleged to have spoken to Zaffis.

*"Do you know what they did to us, do you know?"*

The experience terrified the Warrens' nephew to such an extent that he would not return to the house for several days. Some time afterwards, when questioned about the case, he is reported to have stated that, "Compared to that house, the other cases I had been involved with were like dealing with Casper the Friendly Ghost." 31

And, if the Warrens are to be believed, the investigation uncovered some truly terrible details. Through Lorraine's so-called [mediumistic](#) abilities, they allegedly discovered that the morticians who had previously worked in the funeral home had committed vile acts on the dead, and that these unnatural actions had drawn [demonic](#) entities into the property. 32

Whilst an official exorcism has not been confirmed to have ever taken place at the property, there have been priests involved in the case. One has stated that they "felt a strange pressure upon entering the house." 33

Sadly, as this case relies entirely on testimonial evidence, it is extremely difficult to form a conclusion either way. Without official documentation or physical evidence, the claims of the Snedekers, the Warrens and all those who stand against them can be disputed by both believers and sceptics.

It is for this reason that some sort of middle ground is often argued for: that the Snedekers' did indeed experience some form of paranormal activity in the house, but then exaggerated it for publicity and financial gain, most obviously through the involvement of the controversial figures of Ed and Lorraine Warren.

With all of the inconsistencies, muddled reportage and severe lack of evidence, it is very difficult to believe the story in its full, presented form.

Whatever the truth regarding the Snedekers' alleged haunting, no one has reported any paranormal activity in the house since.

From <<https://www.paranormalscholar.com/the-snedeker-family-haunting-and-the-true-story-behind-the-haunting-in-connecticut-movie/>>

# The Real Haunting in Connecticut

The movie is based on the snedeker family who on the 30th June, 1986, moved to 208 Meriden Avenue in southington, Connecticut.

The house was spacious, the rent was cheap, and it was near to their Son Phillips hospital. After they had moved in, they discovered that back in the 1920s, the house used to be a mortuary called The Hallahan Funeral home. It stayed a funeral home for multiple decades.

The snedeker family found mortuary equipment in the basement hid behind building materials. They also found a small graveyard out the back and drawers full of eerie corpse photographs.

Not long after moving in, the family claim to have been haunted by spirits within the house. They reported hearing strange sounds, said the temperature would change in most rooms, and they would see figures of dead people appear.

Phillips Mother, Carmen Snedeker said "They were incredibly powerful one of them was very thin with high cheek bones and long black hair and pitch black eyes, and another had white hair and eyes and was wearing a pinstripe tuxedo and his feet were constantly in motion."

Their real life son Phillip did have cancer of the immune system and they did move to be closer to the hospital where he was being treated. Mum Carmen says she was never told that the home was previously a Funeral home upon moving in, and she said she never went into the basement due to renovation materials blocking the stairway, and only found the embelling equipment after they had moved in.

However, the former owner and in-house neighbour says she was fully aware before moving into the house. Carmen also claimed that when she was mopping the basement floor the water turned red. She said the dishes used to put themselves away and the lights would flicker on and off even when they took the lightbulbs out.

The Younger Son Bradley apparently did get spun around uncontrollably on the gurney and they also found toe tags and head tags and other personal items of the deceased, both events was also showed in the film.

In the film, it showed Phillip attacking his cousin, this really happened and Cancer stricken Phillip was taken by ambulance to a mental home for 45 days. Phillip was also diagnosed with schizophrenia after talking about the spirits talking to him. his family said he became distant, dark and violent after moving into the house.

The Snedeker family brought in paranormal researchers, including John Zaffis, Ed Warren, and Lorraine Warren, to help pinpoint the problems.

The researchers believed that former funeral workers were guilty of necrophilia, which led to the evil presence. Carmen later reported that former workers were found guilty of the crime, although Carmen's reports have never been proven.

According to the current owner of the Southington home, Susan Trotta-Smith, the true story is that the house is not haunted now and never was.

"We've lived in the house for ten years. Our house is wonderful," Susan said. "This is all Hollywood foolishness. The stories are all ludicrous."

A lot of reports say that Carmen and Allen contradict a lot of each others stories which is why a lot of people doubt their claims.

One thing people cant argue with is during the treatments in Southington after they left the haunted house, Phillip Snedeker's cancer went into remission and he went on to have four children and became a truck driver.

#### **Update:**

Sadly since writing this article, Phillip Snedekers cancer returned and he passed away on the 9th January 2012 aged just 38.

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For over fifty years, Ed and Lorraine Warren were considered America's preeminent experts on the subject of spirits and demonology. Authorities repeatedly called upon the Warrens to control some of the most profane outbreaks of diabolical phenomena in the country. The cases the Warrens have worked entail some of the most extreme paranormal activity ever documented. Cases where priests have become possessed. Cases where people are physically attacked. Cases where unworldly entities manifest and then preside. Cases where time is violated and the physical environment is completely rearranged. Cases where spirits don't just haunt a house, they visibly tear it apart. Ed and Lorraine Warren have dedicated their lives to this work, and all of their knowledge and experience has been successfully passed on to Tony Spera and NESPR organization to continue their legacy. Working with the Warrens for the past 30 years and married to their daughter, Judy, Tony carries the legacy forward through NESPR and the most elite team of paranormal experts on the planet. In addition to managing the Warrens Museum Of Psychic Research, NESPR continues to be the authority in conduction paranormal investigations.

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The New England Skeptical Society was founded on January 1, 1996 as a non-profit organization with the following goals:

- 1) To educate the public about the principles and necessity of skepticism and critical thinking in our society.
- 2) To investigate paranormal and pseudoscientific claims with an emphasis on local claims within New England.
- 3) To promote higher standards of education, especially in the areas of science and critical thinking skills.
- 4) To gather and disseminate information of interest to skeptics.
- 5) To provide a forum for skeptics to publish their ideas and contribute to the ongoing dialogue on skeptical topics.
- 6) To lobby for rational law making.



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## Controversy

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According to a 1997 interview with the [Connecticut Post](#), [Steve Novella](#) and [Perry DeAngelis](#) investigated the Warrens for the [New England Skeptical Society \(NESS\)](#). They found the couple to be pleasant people, but their claims of demons and ghosts to be "at best, as tellers of meaningless ghost stories, and at worst, dangerous frauds." They took the \$13 tour and looked at all the evidence the Warrens had for spirits and ghosts. They watched the videos and looked at the best evidence the Warrens had. Their conclusion: "It's all blarney." **They found common errors with flash photography and nothing evil in the artifacts the Warrens had collected.** "They have... a ton of fish stories about evidence that got away... **They're not doing good scientific investigation; they have a predetermined conclusion which they adhere to, literally and religiously,**" according to Novella. Lorraine Warren said that the problem with Perry and Steve is that "they don't base anything on a God". Novella responded, "It takes work to do solid, critical thinking, to actually employ your intellectual faculties and come to a conclusion that actually reflects reality ... That's what scientists do every day, and that's what skeptics advocate".<sup>[1]</sup>

In an article for [The Sydney Morning Herald](#) that examined whether supernatural films are really based on true events, that investigation was used as evidence to the contrary. As Novella is quoted, "They [the Warrens] claim to have scientific evidence which does indeed prove the existence of ghosts, which sounds like a testable claim into which we can sink our investigative teeth. What we found was a very nice couple, some genuinely sincere people, but absolutely no compelling evidence..."<sup>[2]</sup> While it was made clear that neither DeAngelis nor Novella thought the Warrens would intentionally cause harm to anyone, they did caution that claims like the Warrens' served to reinforce delusions and confuse the public about legitimate scientific methodology.

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## All Of Ed & Lorraine Warren's Most Controversial Cases

Before shows like *Ghost Adventures* captivated audiences, and long before "ghost hunters" started posting [creepy videos](#) on social media, there was Ed and Lorraine Warren.

Ed Warren was a former police officer and self-described demonologist, and Lorraine claimed to be a psychic who could communicate with spirits. Together, the Warrens' names have been attached to some of the [best-known paranormal cases](#) in the latter half of the 20th century. The couple even opened an [occult museum](#) in their Connecticut home, featuring artifacts from their most famous cases.

While many people believe in the Warrens wholeheartedly, a fair number of paranormal investigators and skeptics have questioned the legitimacy of the couple's findings. Here are some of Ed and Lorraine Warren's [most controversial cases](#) in their decades-long career.

### • 'The Amityville Horror' Case May Not Have Been 'A True Story' After All



Photo: The Conjuring 2 / [Warner Bros.](#)

Amityville is perhaps the most famous Warren case, and thus it's the most thoroughly investigated. [Here are the facts](#): In 1974, in Amityville, NY, Ronald DeFeo Jr. killed his entire family in the middle of the night, then later claimed he heard [voices plotting against him](#). Roughly a year later, George and Kathy Lutz moved into the home with their three children. The Lutzes then began claiming they were experiencing unexplainable phenomena and nightmares, and that they were surrounded by demonic entities. Their story eventually turned into the book *The Amityville Horror* by Jay Anson in 1977, as well as a movie of the same name in 1979.

The Warrens came to investigate the house, bringing along a film crew from a local news affiliate. [The investigation](#) has been referred to as a "psychic slumber party" by skeptics, but Lorraine sensed great malevolence in the house and insisted it was infested with demonic entities.

This TV appearance cemented the Warrens as experts in the field of paranormal research, despite the fact that they presented no physical evidence of [their findings](#). A photo of a "ghost boy" taken at the house is said to be proof of the haunting, but it is widely thought to be [a hoax](#).

### • [Annabelle The Haunted Doll Could Have Been Inspired By 'The Twilight Zone'](#)



Photo: Annabelle Comes Home / [New Line](#)

One of the biggest difficulties in investigating any of the Warrens' cases is that scant information exists outside of what the Warrens themselves have provided. This is especially true in the case of the infamous Annabelle doll.

According to Joseph Laycock in his article ["The Paranormal to Pop Culture Pipeline"](#), "...a nursing student received a Raggedy Ann doll from her mother in 1970. When the doll exhibited strange behavior, a medium revealed that the doll was possessed by a dead woman named 'Annabelle Higgins.'" The student and her roommate took pity on the spirit and gave Annabelle permission to inhabit the doll; however, frightening events began occurring soon after, and the student contacted the Warrens to investigate. According to the ghost-hunting couple, a demon was inside the doll, and it was intent on murder.

The Warrens took the doll back to [their museum](#) and put it on display for safety's sake. Before his passing, Ed Warren would apparently warn museum visitors that the last man to mock Annabelle ended up perishing in a motorcycle crash, though he provided no names or evidence for this claim. Laycock also points out that a 1963 episode of *The Twilight Zone* centered around a woman named Annabelle who gives her daughter a doll that comes to life and terrorizes the family.

### • [The Case That Inspired 'The Conjuring' Has Come Under Intense Scrutiny](#)



Photo: The Conjuring / [Warner Bros.](#)

The Perron family haunting was the basis for the hit 2013 film *The Conjuring*. While certain events depicted in the film were exaggerated for the purposes of spectacle, Lorraine Warren and one of the Perron daughters, Andrea, both insist it was [mostly accurate](#) to real-life events. Outside sources contest this, however, and they have a fair amount of evidence to back up their claims. Primarily, the current owner of the supposedly possessed house, Norma Sutcliffe, researched the history of her home and discovered many factual errors presented as truth by the Perron family, the Warrens, and subsequently the filmmakers behind *The Conjuring* (she also [sued Warner Bros.](#) due to an influx of trespassers following the film's release). Sutcliffe produced a [video](#) detailing her research, which alleges that the "witch" featured in the film, [Bathsheba Sherman, was anything but, and that any Satanic worship or infant sacrifices were pure fabrication](#). Sutcliffe's evidence is further detailed by Andy Smith in an [article](#) for the *Providence Journal* and is corroborated by Jaime Rubio on the investigative blog [Dreaming Casually](#). While there very well may have been paranormal activity inside the Perron home, a substantial amount of information contradicts the Warrens' findings.

### • [One Writer Claims The Warrens Knew 'The Haunting in Connecticut' Was A Hoax](#)



Photo: The Haunting In Connecticut / [Lions Gate Films](#)

Lorraine Warren was [reportedly](#) not a fan of *The Haunting in Connecticut* due to inaccuracies in the story. She stated in an interview, "It's embarrassing. Do you know the amount of time and effort that we put into that case? Do you know how many meetings with the clergy we had to finally bring closure to the family?"

According to Lorraine, the real story of *The Haunting in Connecticut* involved the Snedeker family, who purchased a home near the hospital where their son was receiving cancer treatment. As it turned out, the home was formerly a funeral home, and the family claimed that they began experiencing the usual strange sounds, demonic entities, possessions, etc.

The Snedeker haunting came with its own book, [In a Dark Place](#), which was written by Ed and Lorraine Warren, Carmen Reed, Al Snedeker, and Ray Garton. The Warrens hired Garton, a horror novelist, to help shape the Snedekers' narrative. According to Benjamin Radford, writing for [Live Science](#), Garton told *Horror Bound* magazine that upon interviewing the family, he realized their stories weren't matching up. [When Garton voiced his concerns to Ed Warren, the demonologist allegedly replied, "Oh, they're crazy," then added, "You've got some of the story - just use what works and make the rest up... Just make it up and make it scary."](#)

Some have also [suggested](#) that drugs and mental illness factored into the Snedeker case rather than actual paranormal activity.

### • **'The Devil Made Me Do It' Case Resulted In A Lawsuit Against Lorraine Warren**



Photo: The Conjuring 3 / [Warner Bros.](#)

Arne Cheyenne Johnson was arrested and tried for killing his landlord, Alan Bono in 1981. Johnson's defense argued he was not in control of his actions due to demonic possession. Prior to Bono's murder, Johnson's fiancée, Debbie Glatzel, had an 11-year-old brother named David who allegedly began showing signs of demonic possession, and Glatzel called on the Warrens to help.

Ed and Lorraine brought in priests and performed "three lower exorcisms." [Ed Warren noted](#) that at one point, there were "43 demons" inside David. While the priests involved denied any exorcisms had actually transpired in the Glatzel home, David began to improve, especially after receiving counseling and moving to a private school.

Johnson was not so lucky, as a few of the alleged demons exorcised from David's body entered his. He reportedly began growling and hissing, as well as slipping into on-and-off "trances" for a period of months before killing Bono with a five-inch pocket knife. The "Devil Made Me Do It" plea was unsuccessful, and Johnson eventually went to prison for his crime.

In 2007, Carl Glatzel, David's older brother, attempted to sue Lorraine Warren and Gerald Brittle, authors of *The Devil in Connecticut*, for unspecified damages. [As part of his suit, Glatzel claims his family was manipulated by the Warrens and that they and Brittle "concocted a phony story about demons in an attempt to get rich and famous at \[the Glatzels'\] expense."](#)

### • [The Warrens Only Spent One Day Investigating The Enfield Poltergeist](#)



Photo: The Conjuring 2 / [Warner Bros.](#)

The events of the Enfield Poltergeist case began in August 1977, shortly after the Warrens investigated the Amityville haunting. The case centered mostly around 11-year-old Janet Hodgson, who was allegedly tormented and possessed by a poltergeist. The evil spirit was responsible for knocking sounds, strange voices, growling, levitation, and throwing objects across the room. The story became [a media sensation](#) and led to numerous investigations of Janet, her sister Peggy, and their home.

Over the years, the haunting's authenticity has come into question, partly because much of the paranormal activity occurred when **only Peggy and Janet were present**. Audio recordings and photographs taken during nearly two years of investigations have also been scrutinized. Even Janet herself [admitted to fabricating](#) a small portion of the events that took place in the home. As for the Warrens' part in the investigation, they played only a small role in the case, despite the events depicted in *The Conjuring 2*. Apparently, the Warrens were initially [denied access](#) to the house and **ended up only staying for one day, even though they cite it as one of their most famous cases**.

## • The Warrens Were Accused Of Having 'No Credentials' While Investigating The Smurl Haunting



Video: [YouTube](#)

In 1986, Janet and Jack Smurl reported demonic entities were terrorizing them in their home. The Warrens were called in to investigate the demonic activity, which included Jack's account of being assaulted by one of the demons. [In an interview](#) with a local news outlet, Ed said that the demonic entity was "powerful, intangible and very dangerous." However, not everyone was willing to accept the Smurls' and Warrens' statements.

Paul Kurtz, a philosophy professor at the State University of New York, Buffalo, [drew connections](#) between the Smurls and the Lutz family in the Amityville case. Kurtz said of the Warrens, **"They have no credentials in the scientific or parapsychological communities,"** and further added, "There is no explanation for the Smurl house, but I wouldn't simply assume it is a haunting... It seems to us that a great-to-do has been made about it, and we wonder if it's like the Amityville horror hoax, which was based on imagination rather than an actual haunting." Even members of the clergy, brought in for the usual blessings and exorcisms, [reported "nothing unusual" happening there](#). The Warrens, however, never wavered in their belief that the Smurl home was severely haunted.

## • There's No Public Documentation Of The Warrens' Alleged Werewolf Exorcism



Video: [YouTube](#)

Alongside Catholic bishops and retired police officers, Ed and Lorraine Warren claimed that they **exorcized the angry spirit of a werewolf from a man named Bill Ramsey, who would [reportedly](#) turn into a "wolfman."** Previously, **Ramsey had been arrested for accosting officers, which he attributed to a werewolf demon overtaking him.**

Lorraine claimed that she saw Ramsey's case on TV while she and Ed were visiting England, and she felt she could help Ramsey. **She even stated that [she had a video](#) of Ramsey transforming, but she has [never released this video to the public](#).** The Warrens went so far as to bring Ramsey back to Connecticut so they could perform an exorcism alongside Bishop Robert McKenna, who was reportedly experienced in exorcising spirits.

The Warrens eventually detailed the case in their book, *Werewolf: A True Story of Demonic Possession*, which [one review noted](#) contained no actual documentation of the case.

## • Some Question The Authenticity Of Ed Warren's Union Cemetery 'White Lady' Video

The White Lady of Union Cemetery is a [famous haunting](#) that is especially well known in Connecticut. The Warrens became involved in 1990 after [Ed claimed](#) to have captured film and video footage of the White Lady while spending the night in the cemetery. Ed's story was even corroborated by a man named Rod Vesce, who also said he had seen the White Lady.

[In one interview](#), Ed described the encounter as follows: "I heard a woman weeping...and I looked out and saw hundreds of ghost lights floating around and forming into a figure of a woman...I couldn't make out facial features." While Ed's story was rich with detail, he never provided evidence. He has never made any of his photographs or videos public, leading skeptics to question the legitimacy of his story. One person who claimed to have seen the video, Steven Novella, explained in his article ["Hunting the Ghost Hunters"](#) for SkepticBlog: "Ed Warren has not investigated the video with any scientific rigor, and refuses to allow others to do so. Despite Ed's insistence that he was engaged in scientific research, he continued to jealously hoard his alleged evidence, rather than allow it to be critically analyzed, as is necessary in genuine scientific endeavors." Without access to the video, both fans and skeptics are once again left to draw their own conclusions about the Warrens.

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