

New & Noteworthy List for October 2017

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1. Ghosts of Austin, Texas: Who They Are and Where to Find Them By Fiona Broome

Provides a ghost hunting guide to Austin's haunted landmarks and cemeteries, famous "strong-willed" spirits, and advice on the top ten places to find ghosts and how to get the perfect ghastly photo.

Includes the Texas Capitol, Texas Governor's Mansion, Driskill Hotel, the Shoal Creek "curse," and Austin's nightly display of 1.5 million bats under Congress Avenue from March to November, as well as haunted sites near Austin in Burnet, Gonzales, and La Grange.

Schiffer Pub. Ltd., 2007. 255 pages.

976.43 B791G 2007

2. Haunted Texas: Ghosts and Strange Phenomena of the Lone Star State

By Alan Brown

Compiles a treasure trove of ghostly and mystifying tales from all parts of Texas. Highlights eerie stories of supernatural guests at the Governor's Mansion, a fiddle playing library ghost, phantom cattle, UFO sightings, the Lake Worth monster, and spirits of the Alamo.

Stackpole Books, 2008. 122 pages.

976.43 B812H 2008

3. Texas Unexplained: Strange Tales and Mysteries from the Lone Star State

By Jay Sharp

Examines some of the more colorful mysteries in Texas that have never been solved. Includes stories of ghosts, apparitions, strange lights, and eerie sounds, and discusses Texas places where one can go to observe these phenomena first hand.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Press, 1999. 134 pages.

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4. Austin Murder & Mayhem

By Richard Zelade

Presents an anthology of over a dozen stories revolving around murder and other tales of vengeance in Texas. Details many events with excerpts from the newspapers of the time in sometimes graphic detail. Includes the 1903 shooting death of State Comptroller Robert Marshall Love at his desk in the state capitol by a former employee.

The History Press, 2015. 142 pages.

364.1523 Z49A 2015

5. Legends & Lore of the Texas Capitol

By Mke Cox

Highlights the tales and personalities that have been part of the Texas Capitol's storied past, including ghost sightings and an unsolved murder. Sorts truth from legend and presents little known tidbits that enrich and preserve the historical record.

The History Press, 2017. 223 pages.

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6. Texas Obscurities: Stories of the Peculiar, Exceptional & Nefarious
By E. R. Bill

Recounts events not often included in Texas history classes. Ranges from firsts, like America's first all-female Supreme Court and first female sheriff; to the unusual, like weaponizing bats, the Aurora "spaceman," and Japanese balloon bombs; to the shameful, like the Slocum and Porvenir Massacres

The History Press, 2013. 158 pages.

976.4 B498T 2013