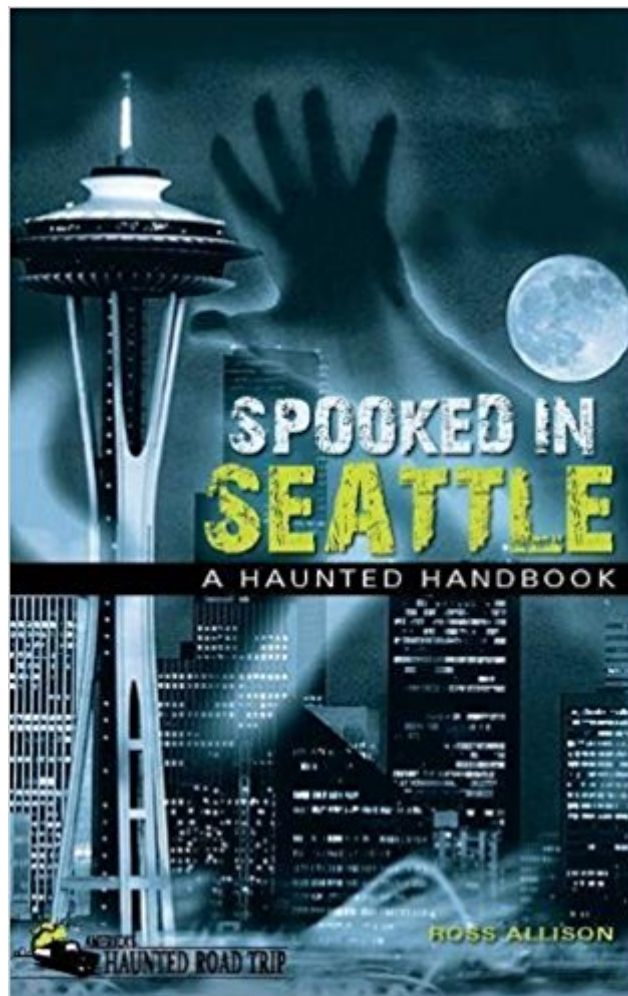




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Spooked In Seattle: A Haunted Handbook (America's Haunted Road Trip)



Synopsis

Seattle may not be as old as some would expect from a haunted city. But it has a large number of haunted sites and stories. Spooked in Seattle will lead readers on a journey through Seattle's neighborhoods and reveal the city's public locations, history, and tales of strange encounters. For those who love to venture off into corners in search of ghosts and the unknown, this book will set readers forth in the right direction. Spooked in Seattle features more than 150 haunted locations, historic and contemporary photos, top ten questions about ghosts, Seattle's top ten most haunted places, location maps and addresses, Seattle history and haunted facts, Seattle cemeteries and tombstone symbols, and more. Spooked in Seattle presents many locations throughout the city that are believed to be haunted, claim to have ghosts, or have undergone investigation. All of these stories are broken down into sections based on the city's neighborhoods with corresponding addresses to make finding them easier for the ghost enthusiasts. Maps and photos help bring to life the locations, making the Seattle ghosthunting experience easy and enjoyable.

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Customer Reviews

EXCERPTS Fremont Once a city of its own, Fremont started in the 1880's, established as a lumber mill town until it was annexed to Seattle in 1891. Named after Fremont, Nebraska, the hometown of two of its founders, it also is known as the "Center of the Universe." After the 1989 fall of the Communist government, the controversial statue of Lenin was salvaged from Slovakia and given its

new home here, by a local art lover who was teaching in the area at the time. It is also known as the home of the famed Fremont Troll under the Aurora Bridge. Here you will also find helpful advice such as "Set your watch ahead five minutes," "Set your watch back five minutes," and "Throw your watch away" on some of the local street signs. Other landmarks include an old rocket fuselage and the outdoor sculpture "Waiting for the Interurban."

Deluxe Junk 3518 Fremont Pl N This retro shop sits under the Masonic Temple built in 1909. The space was first used as a funeral home run by Fisher & Milton in 1928 and then switched owners to Hoffner & Putnam in 1946. They closed down the funeral parlor in the late 1970s. In 1978, Deluxe Junk settled into these quarters, turning the space into the shop you see today. If you do get the chance to venture to this location, you'll clearly see the alcoves where coffins were laid out for mourners to select their loved ones' caskets. Throughout the lower half of the building you can see other signs of its old occupation, such as the coffin-loading area, where the dead would be brought in, and the viewing rooms for those in mourning paying their last respects. Maybe its funereal history that causes the employees and the owners to sometimes feel unsettling apprehensions--specifically, a presence in the backroom. They hear strange noises, and things have been known to fall off selves for unknown reasons. Some people even claimed to have seen ghostly figures moving from the corners of their eye and when they turned to look closer, the figures vanish. Is there a spirit hiding among all of this vintage galore, a spirit that should have been buried many years ago?

Hamilton Middle School 4400 Interlake Ave N This 1940s building has been suspected of housing ghosts. Footsteps sometimes are heard on the second floor when the building is empty. The doors are known to inexplicably open and close, and doorknobs will shake if locked. There is a story that a plumber died of a heart attack in the second floor girls' bathroom, but he was not discovered until after his shift. Many claim to see a face in the bathroom mirrors; in fact, the mirrors in that bathroom are reported to break at least three times a year. Could this be the work of an unsettled spirit? Of course, it could be the wind, but it's more fun to think it's the work of the Hamilton Middle School Ghost.

The Fremont Troll N 36th St under Aurora Bridge Lurking under the Aurora Bridge is the eighteen-foot concrete sculpture of a troll created in 1990. This monster of a beast is crushing an actual Volkswagen Beetle in its left hand. The troll was sculpted by four Seattle area artists (Steve Badanes, Will Martin, Donna Walter, and Ross Whitehead) for the local Fremont Arts Council when approached about doing something more imaginative with the space under the Aurora Bridge. The sculpture is made from rebar steel, wire, and about two tons of messy ferroconcrete. With lots of hard work, the Troll monument took about seven weeks to complete. Rumor has it that prior to the sculpture's installation, many old-time residents told of sightings of a real troll roaming about the neighborhood. The community also pays

tribute to the troll every October 31 with the "Trollaween" party. This celebration begins under the bridge and participants then wander to other spooky sites and events in Fremont.

Aurora Bridge
Highway 99
Between Fremont & Queen Anne neighborhoods
Built in 1932 as the George Washington Memorial Bridge, the Aurora Bridge is more commonly known as Suicide Bridge. The bridge received this name for the more than two hundred and thirty people who have jumped to their deaths from its surface. Standing one hundred and sixty-seven feet above water, it also holds the second-highest recorded number of suicides in the United States, trailing behind only the Golden Gate Bridge. The first suicide occurred in January 1932, when a shoe salesman dropped from the bridge before it was completed. When it comes to suicide, many believe that these troubled souls remain earthbound. Therefore, claims of lingering apparitions seeming to reenact their final moments are not too surprising. There have been stories of a man and his dog wandering around the bridge just staring at passersby. But when they turn back to see if the man is still looking, he is completely gone! There is also a report of a troubled man jumping from the bridge while carrying his beloved dog. Could this be the staring dog walker and his pet trapped forever living out their last walk before jumping, a recording of the last moments of their lives?

In November of 1998, the Seattle metro bus system faced its worst accident in a twenty-five year history. While crossing the bridge southbound, a passenger on the bus shot and killed the driver for unknown reasons and then pulled the 38 automatic on himself. The driver lost control, veering across two lanes of traffic. The bus plunged off the bridge's eastern side, dropping fifty feet onto the roof of an apartment building near where the Fremont troll dwells. One passenger was killed due to this tragic event while thirty-two other passengers survived with injuries. Whether something remains of this horrific event, let's pray their spirits are not continuing to relive that terrible tragedy.

'Spooked in Seattle' by Ross Allison is definitely a page turner. One might pick up this book expecting to hear a few fictional ghost stories, but they will be surprised to learn it is much, much more. While Seattle isn't a very old city, it does have a rich past. 'Spooked in Seattle' is filled with delightful ghost stories from around the Seattle area, but these stories aren't fake. They are based on evidence collected by professional paranormal investigators and historical events, which have taken place around the area. In fact, many of the true stories about Seattle's past are shocking and incredible. Most people have heard about Seattle's underground city, and a few have even explored this area via one of the local tours. However, this book offers in depth details about life in Seattle, before and after the underground was created. Featuring more than 150 haunted locations, historical and contemporary photos, top ten questions about ghost, Seattle's top ten most haunted places,

location maps and addresses, Seattle history and haunted facts this book is filled to the brim with excitement. For those readers who are wishing to go on an actual ghost hunt, stories are broken down into sections based on the city's neighborhoods with corresponding addresses. Maps and photos help bring to life the locations, making the Seattle ghost hunting experience easy and enjoyable. For those who would like a tour guide, the author presents several different tours in the city, including an underground tour. Ross Allison is extremely knowledgeable on both paranormal investigation and Seattle history. That and his combined talent for writing makes this book one of my favorites.

Ross Allison's book, *Spooked in Seattle*, is one of my favorite books. It's very well researched and I love going to some of these places in Seattle to check them out myself. I'm also a big fan of history and have learned so much about Seattle's shadier past. This is a must have for any history buff and anyone that likes a good ghost story. I love this book!

Still reading it. Good so far.

I really enjoyed reading this book and the fact that I can use it as a guide if I ever want to explore some of the spookier "haunts" in Seattle.

This is a decent book for stories around Seattle. I have verified several of them through other research and even talked a little about them in my UW campus tours.

Liked it.

Very historic (=boring), the author covers the basic history of Seattle. He never bothers to interview people/witnesses and seems to live behind a computer screen (no original photos). Anyone could make this book if they had a few extra hours on their hands and access to the King County Library. Just go ahead and read the same stuff on *Shadowlands*.

I've always been fascinated with the paranormal and have recently gotten quite interested in such activity in my adopted hometown of Seattle, Washington. I feel very fortunate to have found *Spooked in Seattle*. The author provides a fascinating look at the history of the Northwest city, including events that were tragic and violent in Seattle's early days. I was honestly horrified by some

of the accounts (causing a few Sleepless in Seattle nights). There's also a detailed rundown of reputed haunted locations all across the city. Truly this is a valuable guidebook for anyone visiting Seattle, and for residents as well.

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