

SPIRIT SLEUTHS

by Gail Jarrow

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Rating (0 stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)



Genre(s):

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Contemporary/Realistic

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Action/adventure

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Science Fiction

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Fantasy

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Romance

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Horror

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Mystery

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Nonfiction

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Historical fiction

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Other:

Gail Jarrow details the impact of spiritualism and the various methods of exposing its sinister side in "Spirit Sleuths." The book begins with its origins and rise in a simple way, which then leads to explaining how many took advantage of spiritualism's popularity—especially in the context of tragedy—and used it to benefit themselves. Magicians quickly caught onto this fact and worked towards revealing their trickery through their preexisting skills in their work, which is what "Spirit Sleuths" mainly focuses on.

I found this book very interesting while reading, specifically how it handled spiritualism in a way that wasn't disrespectful to those who practice it, and rather aims to educate on the ways that people were exploited through it. In a world where misinformation is only worsening, books such as "Spirit Sleuths" help to prevent others from repeating the mistakes of those from as far back as the late 1840s. Medium frauds might seem less common now, but they are still present today and continue to capitalize on people. In this way, I believe that this book is extremely significant to modern culture, and people who are interested in such topics should read it. For instance, I would heavily recommend this for readers who enjoy nonfiction stories revolving around the supernatural. I believe that even readers who are partial to fiction with supernatural elements might enjoy this book as well, as it can give them a better understanding of the genre. Overall, I hope many others consider reading "Spirit Sleuths," as it is a wonderfully written book with clear passion behind how it details spiritualism and its history with hoaxes.

By Sarah H, 10th grade, enjoys reading nonfiction, contemporary, mystery, science fiction, historical fiction, romance, and action/adventure