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# PARANORMAL TEXAS

*Your Travel Guide to*  
HAUNTED PLACES  
*near Dallas & Fort Worth*

2nd Edition

*by Tui Snider*

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*Tui Snider loves exploring haunted places (and wearing hats)!*

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"No matter where you live, Tui's book is fun to read. Plus, her online database is a much-needed hub where investigators can share evidence they're gathered."

— Teal Gray Rev.N.D.

"I love how it is written... I simply couldn't put it down."

— Heidi Hardy, The Real Life Paranormal Podcast

"An entertaining and easy-to-use travel guide to haunted places!"

— Courtney Mroch, Ambassador of Dark & Paranormal Tourism

"It's like taking a Paranormal Road Trip with your very own personal tour guide."

— Becky Vickers, Paranormal Investigator/Author

"Tui's done all the hard work finding the most haunted and interesting places."

—Sheila Gay, Rogue Talk Radio/Northeast Texas Paranormal Society

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"A MUST HAVE resource for adventurer and ghost hunter alike!"

—Georgina Holzmeier, Ghost Hunter & Paranormal Author

"I plan to keep her book in my car for my next ghost hunting road trip!"

—Jamie Mose, Paranormal Investigator

"Tui's 2nd edition is spot on fun and thrilling for everyone to read as only Tui can tell it!"

—Greg Stephens, Paranormal Investigator (RIP)

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## DEDICATION

*To my skeptical-but-supportive husband, a gentle atheist  
who calls me his angel. While he may not believe in  
ghosts, I thank him for believing in me!*



*My sweet husband, Larry Snider (a.k.a. "Archie Debunker.") © Tui Snider*

## INTRODUCTION

### **What's new in *Paranormal Texas*, 2nd edition?**

Thank you for buying *Paranormal Texas*, 2nd edition. Just like the original travel guide, *Paranormal Texas*, 2nd edition gives readers haunted history and directions to sites where paranormal activity is reported in North Texas. So why did I update the original book? Quite simply, it boils down to reader feedback!

**Reader suggestions:** Although sales for the original *Paranormal Texas* are still brisk, readers keep making the same suggestions. In fact, whether I'm at a speaking event or reading my email, readers ask for the same four things over and over. Specifically, they ask me to:

1. Put photos in *Paranormal Texas*.
2. Share more of my own paranormal experiences.
3. Show them actual paranormal evidence.
4. Add certain venues.

I took all those suggestions to heart. As a result, *Paranormal Texas* has grown from 175 pages and zero photographs to more than 200 pages and over 100 photographs. The 2nd edition now includes:

**Photos:** Readers asked for photos of haunted places. *Paranormal Texas*, 2nd edition has over 100 photos

of the haunted hot spots in North Texas. (I wanted to add more, but it would have really pushed the price up.)

**More haunted places:** Several new venues (including a haunted doll museum!) with fascinating haunted history were added to the book.

**Firsthand accounts:** Readers asked for more true ghost stories and hauntings. (I even share personal experiences with paranormal activity, including a strange encounter with my doppelganger at a haunted hotel!)

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**Add your paranormal activity:** If you have evidence that you would like to share with the public, email me at [TuiSnider@gmail.com](mailto:TuiSnider@gmail.com) with "Paranormal Texas" in the subject line, and we'll take it from there!



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**Here's the link:** To see the Paranormal Texas Evidence Database (PTED) for yourself, drop by this following link:

<http://bit.ly/ParaTex>

### **What Makes *Paranormal Texas* Different?**

While researching *Unexpected Texas*, my travel guide to offbeat places in North Texas, I came across so many interesting ghost stories that I decided my next book would be a travel guide to haunted places. That, in a nut shell, is how *Paranormal Texas* came into being.

While I hope you read this book for sheer enjoyment, your experience need not end there. That's what makes *Paranormal Texas* different from other ghost story books. Sure, it's chock full of spooky tales and haunted history, but *Paranormal Texas* can also be used as a travel guide. It includes addresses so you can visit these haunted sites in person – if you dare!

### **No cutesy titles**

Despite a penchant for puns and wordplay, I refrained from using fanciful chapter titles in *Paranormal Texas*. If you hear about a haunted chicken restaurant, I want you to quickly find a chapter by that name rather than waste time wondering if it's filed under "The Cooped Up Poultry-geist," "Holy Buh-Gock Batman," or some other cute-but-vague heading.

Much as I love clever chapter titles, they work best in traditional ghost story books, which are meant solely for entertainment and not as travel resources. (Never fear, fans of wordplay! I did sneak a couple groaners in just to keep you awake.)

### **Allegedly, Supposedly, Reportedly**

Let's face it, you are either open to the possibility of ghosts or you find the idea total bunk. As of this writing, no one has definitively proved the matter either for or against their existence. So for the purposes of this book, I have limited the use of qualifying terms such as allegedly, supposedly, and reportedly. Those words will crop up here and there, but I found it clunky to preface every single item with qualifiers. I hope you understand! (And if you are reading this, I bet you do.)

### **Hauntings in Broad Daylight**

If you've seen TV ghost hunting shows, you know the basic formula: paranormal groups laden with fancy equipment sneak around creepy buildings in the middle of the night.

While this makes for good ratings, it is not the only way to hunt for ghosts. In fact, I'm willing to say this popular TV formula is misleading. One of my first paranormal experiences, for instance, took place on a sunny afternoon. Dark and stormy night, no. Terrifying, yes.

There's no cosmic rule saying ghosts may only appear in the middle of the night. Paranormal activity, including EVPs and orbs, often happens during daylight hours.

Inexplicable sounds, phantom odors, and apparitions can also occur during the day.

Sure, it's more frightening when strange things happen in the middle of the night, but it's not required. That's why *Paranormal Texas* includes plenty of haunted hot spots you can visit during daylight hours.

### **How to be a respectful thrill seeker**

Please be aware that many of the haunted places listed in *Paranormal Texas* have established hours of operations. If you wish to investigate a haunted site after closing time, you absolutely must get permission. Simply being a curious person does not exempt you from the law. Plus, you ruin it for the rest of us when a haunted venue, tired of trespassing and vandalism, closes its doors to the public.

There is nothing wrong with being a paranormal thrill seeker as long as you go about it in a respectful manner. When you visit haunted venues during business hours, be respectful of those around you. Not everyone believes in ghosts or wants to hear the EVP you got that sounds like a devil baby screeching, "Get out!" You can run your digital recorder and quietly wander through a park without bothering a soul, either living or dead. There is no reason to be loud or intrude on others.

### **Haunted Places NOT included in *Paranormal Texas***

Despite uncovering exciting stories of paranormal activity in private homes, hospitals, daycare centers, and churches, I left those places out of *Paranormal Texas*. Basically, I omitted places where unannounced visits by strangers (no matter how well-intentioned) would be rude, if not downright scary, to the living!

Other places were axed simply because I couldn't pin down their exact locations. It's my intention to send readers on a wild *ghost* chase, not a wild *goose* chase!

Also, while most businesses find that going public with paranormal activity attracts more visitors, no one wants to attract reckless trespassers and vandals. So I had a decision to make when I came across places leery of being labeled as haunted. In these instances, if the venue was already

widely known for being haunted, I included it in *Paranormal Texas*. If it had not yet been made public, I left it out.

### **Urban Legends vs Genuine Paranormal Activity**

Urban legends are fascinating, and could easily fill a whole book (hey, you never know!), but I had my hands full looking into all the genuine ghost stories here in North Texas.

It wasn't always easy to discern the tall Texas tales from strange-but-true experiences, but I did my best. The urban legends I do share in *Paranormal Texas* are so well-known that I hope reading about them will save you time spent searching for a vaguely-described location where something never actually happened.

### **Ghost Hunting Jargon**

A few terms bandied about in *Paranormal Texas* may be new to you, so here is a quick rundown:

**Anomalous photos** - This refers to photos containing inexplicable mists, orbs, and apparitions.

**EVP** - This acronym stands for "electronic voice phenomenon" and refers to recorded sounds that were not heard at the time, but appear upon playback. Many believe that ghosts are able to manipulate electronic equipment by creating EVPs in order to communicate.

**FOAF** - This acronym stands for "friend of a friend." Any time you hear a story involving a FOAF, it is a red flag meaning that you are most likely hearing an urban legend rather than a true story. Beware of FOAFs!

**Intelligent haunting versus residual haunting** - The phrase "intelligent haunting" describes an entity that interacts with living people and seems aware of present day