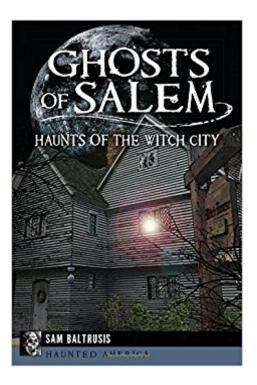


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# **Ghosts Of Salem: Haunts Of The Witch City (Haunted America)**





## Synopsis

Nestled on the rocky coast of Massachusetts, Salem is a city steeped in history and legend. Famous for its witch trials, the storied North Shore seaport also has a dark history of smugglers and deadly fires. It is considered one of New England's most haunted destinations. Inside Howard Street Cemetery, the ghost of accused witch Giles Corey wanders among the gravestones. Outside the Ropes Mansion, the ghost of Abigail Ropes can be seen peeking out of the windows. The Gardner-Pingree House on Essex Street is host to the spirit of sea captain Joseph White, a man whose murder in 1830 inspired literary giants like Edgar Allan Poe and Nathaniel Hawthorne. Join author and paranormal journalist Sam Baltrusis on a chilling journey through the streets of Salem as he chronicles the historic haunts of the Witch City.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

When I write my historical-based books, I spend months and sometimes years researching the ghost lore associated with a city before I even pitch the book to my publisher. I also let the "ghosts" guide me, so I let my intuition summon me to the sites covered in the book at first. Sometimes my intuition leads me into extremely scary situations which was the case with Â Ghosts of Salem.

Sam Baltrusis, author of "Ghosts of Boston" and "Ghosts of Cambridge, " freelances for various publications and is the former managing editor of Scout Magazine in Somerville and Cambridge. He

has been featured as Boston's paranormal expert on the Biography Channel's Haunted Encounters and Paranormal State's Ryan Buell's Paranormal Insider Radio. Baltrusis moonlights as a tour guide and launched the successful ghost tour Cambridge Haunts, and produced a new tour in Salem in 2013.

A excellent guide to those looking for places to visit while in Salem and the stories that go along with the places.

After a recent trip to Salem, it was good book to gather some fun facts. It's is filled with some history, and the ghost stories are entertaining. It was a fun and quick read.

This book was so great! I loved it!

#### Great read!

Have you ever been to Salem, if not, you must take the time and take a trip there. I have been in love with Salem since 1993. It all began with the movie "Hocus Pocus" My first trip there was in 1996 with my daughter Kandace. When I arrived in Salem, it felt like home, like I had been there and lived there all of my life...+ I remember the first morning there, we stayed at the Stepping Stone Inn, the year 1996, the month of May, I got up early, walked down English Street onto Derby Street and I saw the lighthouse on Derby Street, I walked down to then end of the Wharf, the sun shinning, the waves of the Atlantic Ocean glistened in the sunlight, like diamonds in the rough. It was so beautiful, I couldn't believe I was standing there...+ The City is so Magical, it is full of history, like the witchcraft trials of 1692, the maritime trade, the author era, the clothing Mills, Parker Brothers, Laurie Cabot (OWOS), the Peabody Essex Museum (a must see), the Salem Witch Museum, Witch shoppes of all kinds, physic readings almost everywhere and Haunted Happenings, an event that you must see once in your lifetime. I have been to Salem several times since then and I plan to go again soon. As a writer, this town has strengthened my creativity, it has been my inspirations. Every time I take a trip to Salem, I stay at the Stepping Stone in, the proprietor, makes you feel very welcome and at home, and it is a hop, skip and a stones throw away from all the wonderful sites that you will experience...+ With that being said, this book is one of the best and most well researched books that I have ever read and had the pleasure to read... I agree with the reviews--it was hard to put down, and here again this book has been a creative inspiration to me--the stories,

the history, the facts, it was like the long awaited final piece of the puzzle... I enjoyed the book in many ways, because it answered so many questions for me about Salem, things I already knew, but Mr. Baltrusis expanded on making the experience of getting to know the town of Salem,

Massachusetts on a very personal and up close level. I am a fiction/mystery/history writer and this book filled the bill on all of these. I hope Mr. Baltrusis will take this book and expand even more, like colored photos of all of the areas he has written about and hopefully Mr. Baltrusis, will take each one of these--let's say the "Cemetery Haunts, one by one and write even more on the places he has experienced. It is like the old saying, "seeing something through someone else's eyes and for me with Mr. Baltrusis, his writing, his history, his facts--through his words, it was like I was experiencing Salem as if I was actually there. I don't do review books much, but I do read a lot--however, this book had it all, mystery, history and the facts--this book was spooky and left me sitting on the edge of my seat and it gave me ideas upon ideas for my new novel. Thank you Mr. Baltrusis. I sure hope that you will write more on the City of Salem, it was a pure delight to read your book...Salem Writer...+

This book hooked me from the introduction and I can't seem to put it down, even when I should be working on my own writing. A clever blend of wit and history, Ghosts of Salem captures the essence of a town and its people from both the present and the past. The pictures draw you in and the author's attention to detail breathes life into every page. I could feel the chill of a specter's presence looking over my shoulder as I read about the different locals. I'm still in the throws of this magnificent book and I can't imagine a better way to start my Halloween season than reading some witchy facts about this fascinating city.5/5

From cemeteries to crime to curses and more, Ghosts of Salem floats through the history of the infamous New England town known for its witch trials. With wit and charm, Baltrusis brings Salem alive for the reader. In this engaging and informative book, readers learn not only about Salem's history, but also residents' opinions on the ghosts that are rumored to make Salem home.Filled with historical photographs, Ghosts of Salem is the perfect book for curious minds and history lovers. Thoroughly researched, this book totally captivated me and I read it in one sitting.I received a copy of this book from the author. This review contains my honest opinions, which I have not been paid for in any way.

Ghosts of Salem: Haunts of the Witch City came just in time for the upcoming fall season! If you

love history, lure, legends, ghosts, or haunted houses, you'll love Ghosts of Salem, and I highly recommend picking up a copy. Baltrusis' writing is clever, witty, and he does an amazing job of pulling the reader in and chilling you with tales of haunts in Salem. I loved learning about the town, it's history, past and present and I loved the photos! They really enhanced the experience and satiated my imagination.

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