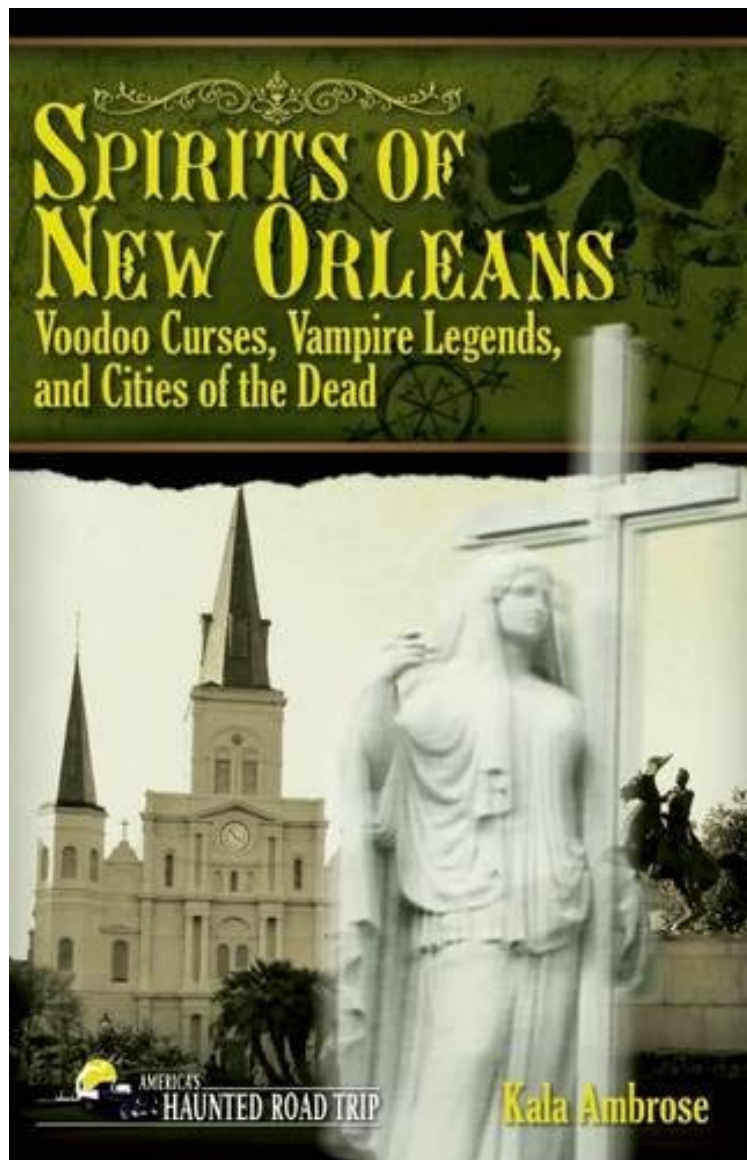


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Kala Ambrose : Spirits of New Orleans: Voodoo Curses, Vampire Legends and Cities of the Dead (America's Haunted Road Trip) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Spirits of New Orleans: Voodoo Curses, Vampire Legends and Cities of the Dead (America's Haunted Road Trip)*:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Travel Guide + Ghost Stories = Good Reading
By zonagirI am neither a "ghost hunter" or a visitor to New Orleans (the author calls it NOLA, I'll use that, too). Why, then, did I buy the book? First, I have been curious about NOLA since Hurricane Katrina and have been hoping things were better for all those who live there. Next, I have read 2 of the author's previous books, "Awakened Aura" and "9 Life Altering Lessons" (secrets of mystery schools). I just really like her work and her style. Any of these books could be very dry and "preachy" but she does not write that way. All of her books are written in a format that is comfortable to read. This book is a travel guide mixed with paranormal stories. I saw on her website that the author is a "Travel Guide to the Other Side" and that is certainly apparent in this book! I think anyone planning to visit NOLA would benefit from the author's expertise as she mentions that she grew up there. She also says she researched, not just depending on the stories we all hear about the places where we grew up. You get everything in this book from where (and WHEN) to try to see a "ghost" to interesting tidbits about famous people, (loved the one about Louis Armstrong), to personal safety tips. The author is a psychic medium and that puts such an interesting spin on this super travel guide. I got mine on Kindle but if a person was planning on a visit, I would get the hard copy. I have a bunch of pages highlighted or bookmarked and I am not even going there!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. New Orleans Ghosts - A lively, informed, fresh perspective!
By LadyJaneAlthough I first thought, "Ah, more re-hash of the same ol' stuff." I was very happily surprised that Kala gives us a first-hand, personal tour with her spot on intuitive insights. Having some intuitive capabilities, I can confirm some of Kala's impressions. The kids ARE having fun in the Monteleone! Even more worthwhile, Kala's done her research and brings to light the real monster at the DeLaurie house, as well as weaving the cultures together to show how the unique spiritual gumbo evolved in the Crescent City. This book is a fresh, new look at the beauty of an old Queen - I only gave it 4 stars because the book, like New Orleans, left me wanting more!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Just the beginning, the spark of many interests
By ElissaThis book changed my life!! I have since been looking for more more books on New Orleans. I have read several since then. But this one sparked my interest on many broad topics and I have since bought books on the madams of New Orleans, Voodoo queens, and general history books. The history of slavery was completely different in New Orleans. The interracial couples were the furthest back in history. (this book doesn't address that particular topic as much but was responsible for piquing my interest)...pirates, ghosts, priests who were originally part of the Spanish Inquisition but became peaceful and loved when they found a home in New Orleans...swamps, extensive complicated cemeteries (more like cities), nuns who taught and changed society....New Orleans is like a separate country all it's own, with a way more colorful and interesting history.

Join Kala Ambrose, your travel guide the other side, as she takes you back to her roots to discover the Spirits of New Orleans. As an intuitive child born in Louisiana, Kala Ambrose grew up exposed to a rich variety of cultures and influences. The city that had the strongest influence on Kala was New Orleans, the port city known for its bohemian lifestyle embracing art, music and spirituality. During this journey, Kala explores the haunted history of the city and searches for those who decided to make New Orleans their eternal home as a resting place for some and a point of revenge for others. Prepare to embark on an enticing journey into the haunted history, paranormal activities, magical ceremonies and supernatural rituals and practices in order to fully understand and embrace the cultural significance of the variety of beliefs, superstitions, legends and lore. Visit the resting place of Voodoo Queen Marie Laveau in St. Louis Cemetery #1, have a drink at some of the most haunted bars in the city and spend the night in your choice of haunted hotels. With Kala as your guide, you'll tread carefully through haunted Pirates Alley and down the streets of the French Quarter where ghosts, vampires and other supernatural beings lurk around every corner. Explore Spirits of New Orleans: Voodoo Curses, Vampire Legends and Cities of the Dead with Kala Ambrose and prepare to be supernaturally and eternally charmed by the city of New Orleans. Spirits of New Orleans takes you behind the scenes with detailed information about each destination. As your travel guide to the other side, Kala shares travel tips in each chapter of the book listing the best places to stay, shop, dine and party while in New Orleans!

"Ambrose takes hold of readers from the first page, blending history and legend together seamlessly as she leads them through the plentiful spiritual landscape that is New Orleans. If you only read one book about the supernatural this fall, make it this one." - Chic Darling
From the Author "Seeing a ghost in New Orleans is as common as having a bowl of gumbo. The question is not when, but where best to savor them both. Each person who lives or visits the city of New Orleans quickly finds their favorite haunts, which they return to time and time again." - Kala Ambrose
For more information, visit ExploreYourSpirit.com Kala Ambrose has seen and felt ghosts and restless spirits her entire life. Through her many experiences with the supernatural and paranormal realms, she has interacted with powerful beings of light, faced encounters with beings from the dark side and seen ghosts from every walk of life. Her new book Spirits of New Orleans shares historical information so that travelers can enjoy learning about the history of New Orleans while exploring the sites around the city in a unique way. Join me on this magical mystery tour as I become your "Travel Guide to the Other Side". As your travel guide, I'll point out the history, mystery and legends of the city that you may have passed by before without knowing what lay in wait inside. I'll also share with you which ghosts are

still actively haunting the city and why. By the end of this journey, you may also find yourself enchanted and charmed by the spirit of Louisiana and New Orleans. For those of you who have never been to the city, I'm going to introduce you to the lady and beguile you into falling in love with her and for those of you have been to NOLA and haven't been back in a while, I'm going to help you fall in love all over again. In my book, *Spirits of New Orleans*, we will explore the history of the city and those who decided to make it their eternal home as a resting place for some and a point of revenge for others. As the legendary Bette Davis once said, "Fasten your seatbelts, we're in for a bumpy ride" as we delve into voodoo curses, vampire legends, lost souls, and the "Cities of the Dead." Once the romance of the city is fully in bloom, I'll be your guide into the dark side of the city, where ghosts haunt the streets and every corner. I'll show you where I've run into ghosts and other supernatural entities in broad daylight and on foggy nights and share with you some of the most haunted sites in the city. At the end of this ride, you'll come away knowing a great deal about the history of New Orleans and her people as well as the ghosts who decided they never wanted to leave.

From the Inside Flap Recently I returned back to my roots in the great state of Louisiana and spent some time in my favorite place in the world, the French Quarter of New Orleans. One never runs out of things to experience in NOLA (New Orleans, Louisiana). Truly it is captivating, a veritable feast for all five senses as well as the sixth sense. The best way to describe how I feel in this city would be to use the word, "charmed". New Orleans is many things to many people, but for me, it's charming and embodies a spirit, a joy for living (*joie de vivre*) that is expressed throughout the city. I remember the first time I returned to New Orleans after Katrina. I had no idea how the vibe of the city would feel after having going through such a horrific experience. My heart was thrilled to see that the great lady was holding her own with a state of grace, while still undergoing major renovations on the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual level. I traveled around parts of the city riding the streetcars, taking in each neighborhood, enjoying the stunning architecture, the smell of honeysuckle and jasmine in the air, and chuckling at the sight of Mardi Gras beads hanging from the boughs of trees. As the streetcar delivered me near the French Market, the smell of beignets and coffee coming from Caf du Monde lifted my spirit. Yes, I sighed with relief, New Orleans has been through the worst and still she stands, proud, strong and vibrant. It is my sincere belief that New Orleans is 'charmed'. Charmed by the artists and musicians when their music and art spill into the streets touching the soul at the core, charmed by the chefs who tantalize our appetites in sweet rhapsody with their culinary delights, and charmed by the people who are kind, good natured and some of the most loving and joyful people that I have ever had the pleasure of knowing.

As we begin this journey into the Spirit and Spirits of New Orleans, we will be treading carefully into the Cities of the Dead and visiting the land of magical Voodoo Queens. Growing up in Louisiana, I assumed people everywhere spoke about mojo, gris gris, ju-ju, and Voodoo and celebrated Mardi Gras and other joyous occasions for the simple joy of being alive and around family and friends. Later as I lived and traveled around the country, I soon discovered that Louisiana has a very unique style of living. There is no other place like this in the world. I'm of French, Scottish, Irish and German origin and my family has lived in almost every area of the state. My mother was a "Cajun Queen" born in Lafayette and my great-grandmother lived in South Louisiana where she supported her family by reading tea leaves and making folk remedies. I grew up attending Mardi Gras in New Orleans from the advantageous position of being carried through the city on my father's broad shoulders where I was free to stretch out my hands and catch beads as the floats passed by. He tirelessly carried me through these parades, carrying bags of beads, doubloons and other items that I collected. I first danced to the LSU Fight song at the age of three at a game with my parents where I danced during half time to the delight of family and spectators who remarked that even at this early age I had the rhythm and spirit of Louisiana in my soul. I was raised Catholic, went to school where I was taught by nuns, played along the Red River, went crabbing, fishing and inner tubing and grew up in a state where people celebrated the joy in everyday life. I can't really remember a weekend growing up where my parents weren't having a party of some kind with family and friends dropping by and a huge variety of food being cooked and shared by everyone. Everyone I met was an honorary uncle or aunt and no one stayed a stranger for long. I also grew up having psychic abilities as well as the ability to see ghosts and communicate with the spirit world. I began having prophetic dreams at an early age and communicating with beings that I first attributed to being my guardian angels. I spent the majority of my free time in the libraries getting my hands on every book I could find on the subjects of ancient mythology, ancient history, the ancient gods of Egypt, the Oracles of Greece, Celtic traditions, comparative world history and religions and ancient spiritual practices. I also loved to read ghost stories and legends. This passion for all of these topics began at the age of five or six and I have never looked back. As my psychic abilities grew and developed, it did not take me long to realize that I had been born into a magical land. Louisiana is a land where magic still lives, a place where time stands still in a primordial fashion and portals in the swamplands open to the supernatural realms where fairies and other mystical creatures roam. It is a land so ancient and powerful that the magic is still afoot. With a simple call to action, this energy rises from the fertile rich soil of the Mississippi Delta and the Gulf Coast and awakens to answer your call. I grew up with a healthy respect for this magic and with the understanding that this magic also lives within me. I heard the siren song of the Muses who stand guard over Louisiana and I answered their call very early in life. Though I have traveled and lived in many areas of the U.S., I have always held the spirit of Louisiana in my heart and soul. She and I are one and her magic runs deep into my core. Each time I return, the ancient magic stirs and recognizes that this is my home. Each day that I stay in

New Orleans, deeper memories surface of past lives spent here in the city. Each time that I write about New Orleans, the people and their ghosts join me in remembrance of times gone by and in the hope that New Orleans is to be reborn once again. Join me on this magical mystery tour as I become your "Travel Guide to the Other Side". As your travel guide, I'll point out the history, mystery and legends of the city that you may have passed by before without knowing what lay in wait inside. I'll also share with you which ghosts are still actively haunting the city and why. By the end of this journey, you may also find yourself enchanted and charmed by the spirit of Louisiana and New Orleans. For those of you who have never been to the city, I'm going to introduce you to the lady and beguile you into falling in love with her and for those of you have been to NOLA and haven't been back in a while, I'm going to help you fall in love all over again. In my book, *Spirits of New Orleans*, we will explore the history of the city and those who decided to make it their eternal home as a resting place for some and a point of revenge for others. As the legendary Bette Davis once said, "Fasten your seatbelts, we're in for a bumpy ride" as we delve into voodoo curses, vampire legends, lost souls, and the "Cities of the Dead." Once the romance of the city is fully in bloom, I'll be your guide into the dark side of the city, where ghosts haunt the streets and every corner. I'll show you where I've run into ghosts and other supernatural entities in broad daylight and on foggy nights and share with you some of the most haunted sites in the city. At the end of this ride, you'll come away knowing a great deal about the history of New Orleans and her people as well as the ghosts who decided they never wanted to leave.