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A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To Heaven: (Or, How I Made Peace With The Paranormal And Stigmatized Zealots And Cynics In The Process)





Synopsis

Corey Taylor has seen a lot of unbelievable things. However, many of his most incredible experiences might just shock you. For much of his life, the Grammy Award-winning singer of Slipknot and Stone Sour has brushed up against the supernatural world. Those close encounters impacted his personal evolution just as much as headlining at Castle Donington in front of 100,000 people at Download Festival or debuting at #1 on the Billboard Top 200. Since growing up in Iowa, his own curiosity drew him into situations that would've sent most people screaming scared and running for the hills. He's ballsy enough to go into the darkness and deal with the consequences, though. As a result, he's seen ghosts up close and personal, whether while combing through an abandoned house in his native Iowa as a child or recording an album in the fabled Houdini Hollywood Hills mansion. He's also got the memories (and scars) to prove it. For some reason, he can't seem to shake these spectral stories, and that brings us to this little tome right here... *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Heaven* compiles Taylor's most intimate, incredible, and insane moments with the supernatural. His memories are as vivid as they are vicious. As he recounts these stories, he questions the validity of religious belief systems and two-thousand-year-old dogma. As always, his rapid-fire writing, razor-sharp sense of humor, unbridled honesty, and cozy anecdotes make quite the case for his point. You might end up believing him or not. That's up to you. Either way, you're in for a hell of a ride.

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Customer Reviews

Slipknot and Stone Sour vocalist Taylor's follow-up to *Seven Deadly Sins* reveals itself to be a well-meaning but often meandering collection of ghost stories and far-out philosophical and quasi-scientific ruminations on the existence of God and ghosts that never quite comes together. Circular discussions, tangential digressions and lack of focus detract and irritate rather than provoke thought or introspection; the reader instead must concentrate on Taylor's ever-wavering train of thought in order to keep up. Luckily he does much better when addressing paranormal and supernatural experiences, which constitutes the majority of the book. Some of these encounters are sought out, while others, like the ghostly children who inhabit his current home and the mansion full of ghosts who terrorized the band during a recording session, are mere chance. Taylor's enthusiasm for his topic and sheer wonder is infectious; he makes for a humble, charming host. Still, it's die hard ghost hunters and fans of Taylor's music that will likely get the most out of this. Those on the fence, whether it's regarding organized religion or the existence of ghosts, likely won't have any major revelations. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

"Taylor's performance ability is undeniable, and he's clearly comfortable talking about even the most bizarre and outrageous subjects with ease, making this an absolutely compulsive listen for fans of his music or the macabre." ---Publishers Weekly Starred Audio Review --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

I loved the audio book because it was as if you were listening to Corey tell you these stories in person. I'm a huge Corey Taylor fan and this book made me like him even more. This book is about many of Corey's experiences with spirits and hauntings. It also covers topics such as his take on religion/ atheism and goes into a few stories about his childhood. The last chapter was a bit mind blowing and I love that it really made me think. I can't wait for his next project!

I'm a HUUGGGEEE slipknot and stone sour fan so naturally I love corey Taylor. I read his first book *seven deadly sins* and was unsure of the book. I agree with him on the topic but it was a little difficult to follow. But this book is very different. It is so awesome and just fun to read and gives you a little different side to how and why in his mind ghosts or "spirits" are existing to him with him not believing in god. He tells some HILARIOUS stories and it's just a blast. Totally recommend it to anyone! 5 stars everyday.

This, like his last book, is written in a stream of consciousness writing style. It can be difficult to read

if you are not into that kind of rambling writing style. I like that kind of writing style so I could easily overlook that little issue. I'll also admit I did skim through a couple sections. I was in this for the ghost stories and stories about hauntings. I could see the issues with trying to balance the ghost thing with the atheism thing which for a little bit was interesting. I always tend to call these books the atheist testimony. But really I'm here for the ghosts. Not the science from wikipedia. Not the testimony. I'm here for the spooky stories. So once I skimmed through the other stuff that I wasn't as interested in I was interested in the rest of the book. I kind of enjoyed the ghost stories. I kind of enjoyed the documentation of a period of life where there was some upheaval and change. There were some interesting interpersonal tidbits in here. Also there was another part of me that was hoping Iowa in general would be discussed. Having spent a lot of time in Des Moines most all that stuff made me laugh. Especially about that original house he bought. That neighborhood was a wet dream even when I was messing around there. So that (more than the ghost) cracked me up more than anything.

I ordered this book off of Amazon and within two days of receiving it, I had finished it. Corey Taylor's latest dive into the world of writing is a fun, quick and very interesting read. Warning: If you don't like Corey Taylor, ghosts, or long rants about completely useless yet interesting information, then this is not the book for you. Taylor talks about not only some of his past run-ins with the paranormal, but also his theory behind the science of the paranormal. While some chapters can seem to drag on with his scientific 'mumbo-jumbo', others are scintillating with his ghost stories. He also writes with a style that can seem to many that he is condescending and doesn't really care what the reader thinks, however it seems, to me at least, that this is just the way Taylor tells his story, as if he was talking to any other individual. It may not be a 'professional' way of writing, but it very easily makes it feel like he is talking right to the reader.

I am a HUGE Corey Taylor fan, CMFT!!!! I love everything that he has done from Slipknot to Stone Sour. The interview at Oxnard to Seven Deadly Sins and now this A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Heaven. I love his mind and he is so witty with words. When I read this book, it is his voice in my head telling the story.

I like the way Corey writes, it is like having a friend sit down and talk to you. He occasionally gets off topic, but hell - don't we all? He certainly has had quite a few dealings with the spirit world. I found his book to be scary (at times), funny, truthful and most of all -REAL. If you are interested in the

paranormal this is a must read.

Definitely my favorite Corey Taylor book out of the three, followed by "you're making me hate you" and "seven deadly sins". I've gotten so much enjoyment from reading all of his books, especially this one. I love how all his books incorporate humor. No spoilers but the stories he shares in this book are interesting to say the least. Check it out!

I give this book 4 stars because I love him. He is very entertaining in his stories... But as far as his scientific explanations he did not go into the depth with them. I get where he is going but take one for instance... When it comes to the soul being 21 grams after the body dies that has been found to be inconclusive in modern day science. I have been doing extensive research on this subject since I myself have experienced things that question what I believed before after my husband died in a truck roll over almost 4 years ago and 2 sons passed in one moment while someone was driving them home from work nearing a year

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