## Vermont Ghost Stories: Folklore, Myths, Curses, and Legends of the Green Mountain State

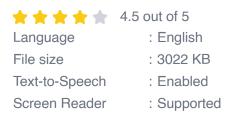
Vermont, nestled amidst the verdant Green Mountains, holds a wealth of tales that transcend the realm of reality. From haunting whispers of lost souls to spine-tingling curses and eerie legends, the state's folklore is a tapestry woven with the supernatural. This article invites you on a spine-chilling journey into Vermont's ghostly past, exploring some of its most captivating and enduring stories.

#### **Haunted Houses and Restless Spirits**



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Vermont's historic towns and villages whisper tales of haunted houses and restless spirits. The Ethan Allen Homestead in Burlington, once home to the renowned Revolutionary War general, is said to be haunted by Allen's ghost, who can be seen pacing the halls or gazing out the windows. The Rokeby Museum in Ferrisburgh is another haunted hotspot, rumored to be haunted by the ghost of a young woman named Laura, who was tragically murdered in the mansion.

Beyond these prominent landmarks, countless other homes across the state are said to harbor their own ghostly residents. In the town of Woodstock, the Billings Farm and Museum is believed to be haunted by the ghost of a former farmhand, who can be seen tending to the animals or wandering the grounds. In Stowe, the Alchemist Brewery is said to be haunted by the ghost of a former brewer, who can be heard humming old folk songs or clinking glasses in the dead of night.

#### **Cursed Objects and Sinister Legends**



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Vermont's folklore is also steeped in tales of cursed objects and sinister legends. One such legend surrounds the Winooski River, which is said to be cursed by a Native American shaman. According to the legend, the shaman cursed the river after white settlers encroached upon his people's land. Those who dare to swim in the river are said to encounter ghostly apparitions or suffer from unexplained illnesses.

Another cursed object is the "Devil's Rock" in Bolton, a large boulder with a mysterious indentation that is said to be the imprint of the devil's hoof.

Legend has it that anyone who touches the rock will be cursed with bad luck or misfortune. In the town of Manchester, the Equinox Hotel is rumored to be haunted by the ghost of a former guest who died in the hotel under mysterious circumstances. Guests have reported seeing the ghost wandering the halls or hearing strange noises coming from the room where he died.

#### **Local Lore and Eerie Encounters**



Vermont's ghostly folklore is deeply intertwined with local lore and eerie encounters. In the town of St. Johnsbury, the story of "The Witch of Coitsville" is passed down through generations. According to the legend, a woman named Sarah Coit was accused of witchcraft and burned at the stake. Her ghost is said to haunt the town, seeking revenge on those who wronged her.

Another eerie encounter is said to occur on the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park in Woodstock. Visitors to the park have reported seeing the ghost of a Native American chief, who can be seen walking through the forest or paddling a canoe on the river. In the town of Danville, the Old North Cemetery is said to be haunted by the ghost of a young woman who died of a broken heart. Visitors have reported seeing her ghost wandering the cemetery or sitting by the graveside of her lost love.

Vermont's rich tapestry of ghost stories, folklore, myths, curses, and legends has captivated the imaginations of locals and visitors alike for centuries. These stories have shaped the state's unique cultural identity, adding an element of mystery and intrigue to its stunning natural beauty. Whether you believe in ghosts or not, the tales of Vermont's supernatural past are sure to send shivers down your spine and leave you with a newfound appreciation for the Green Mountain State's haunted history.



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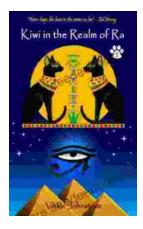
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