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They scream in the night. They watch through the window. And sometimes they chase you right out of the woods. They are the Upstate's ghosts, and there are more of them than you think.

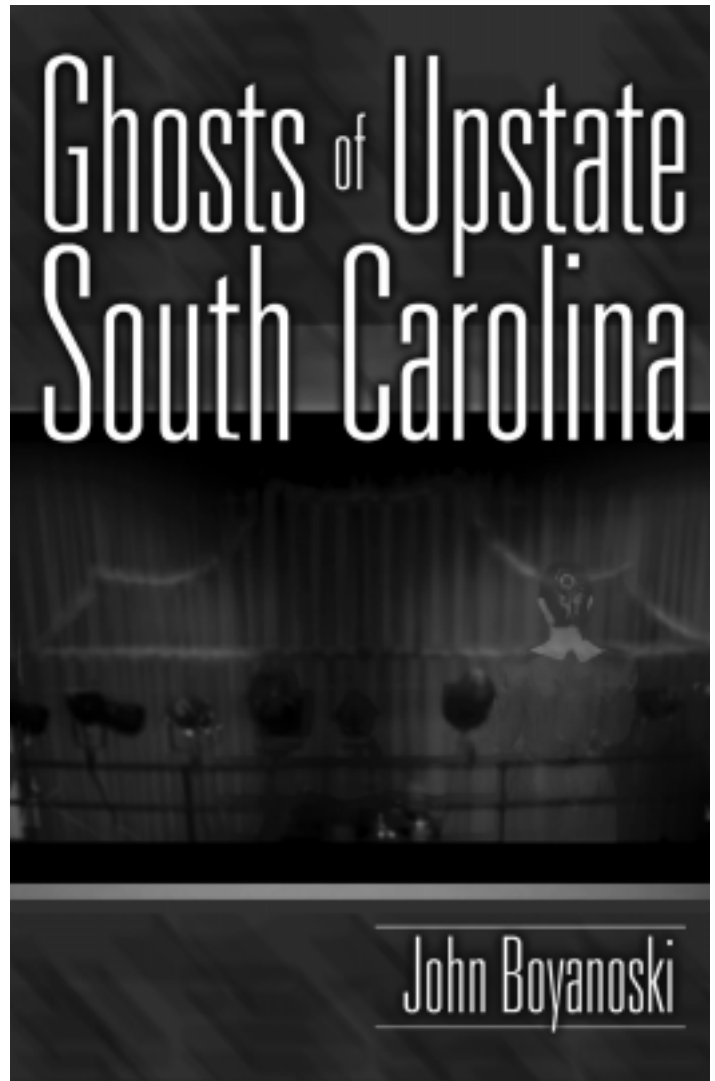
While South Carolina's Lowcountry has a long and well-documented history with its spectral residents, the Upstate's phantoms have led quieter lives, or afterlives. But no more. In *Ghosts of Upstate South Carolina*, John Boyanoski tells the true stories of the region's most haunted places.

From Spartanburg to Union, from Anderson to Newberry, from Powdersville to Pickens, the South Carolina Upstate is haunted. Numerous ghosts and spirits haunt the Old Poinsett Bridge, and in Gaffney cries for help can still be heard from the victims of the Gaffney Strangler. Near Highway 11 there is a haunted tree. Even the squirrels won't go near it.

In Greenville a lynching victim still seeks vengeance, while wayward rocking chairs, a haunted balcony, and walled-off stairs to nowhere are just the start in Abbeville. In other towns there are ladies in white, a menacing hound, crying babies, spectral voices, a devil on a tombstone, floating lights, phantom brides, glowing red eyes, ghostly children who make the living want to hop and skip, and at least one specter who likes to play catch.

Ghosts haunt the Upstate's roads and railroads, its hotels and theaters, its colleges and churches. (You'll be hard-pressed to find an Upstate college that isn't home to at least one.) And of course they haunt its homes. The ten ghosts at the Merridun Inn even throw their own Christmas party!

And then there's the zombie.



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