The Haunted Realm: Ghosts, Spirits, and Their Uncanny Abodes by Simon Marsden

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The Haunted Realm is a collection of startlingly atmospheric photographs of eerie sites throughout England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland. Houses and mansions, castles and abbeys: internationally acclaimed photographer Simon Marsden has left no stone unturned in his quest to capture the ghostly nature of these strange places. Accompanying the photos is his fascinating commentary on the apparitions and spirit manifestations that have been reported at each particular site - as well as the strange, often macabre real-life events said to be the cause of the hauntings. Black-and-white photographs throughout.

My Personal Review:
I first came across this book in my high school library, about 1990. I fell in love with it.... Anyway, this is a beautiful book that features lots of Simon Marsden's infrared photos of castles, manor houses, spooky natural places, etc., from all over the British Isles and Ireland. A page or two describing the ghostly phenomena associated with each locale is included as well. I spent nearly three weeks in Scotland seeking out some of the places in this book (and the book that followed, "Phantoms of the Isles"), but sadly, they didn't seem half as creepy in real life as they did in the book. I highly recommend anything by Simon Marsden...Happy hauntings!

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