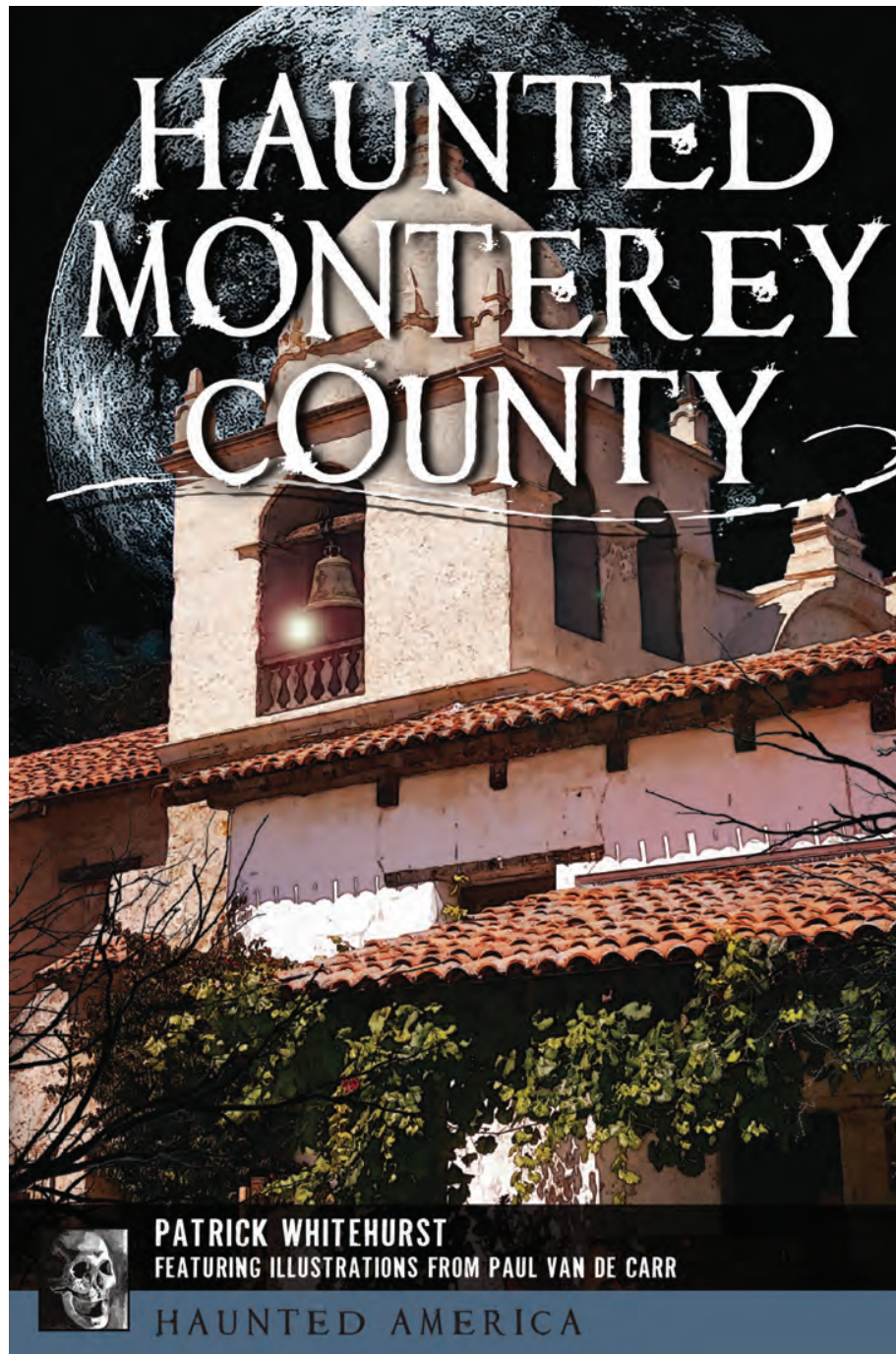


## Supernatural Events Explored in “Haunted Monterey County”

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**Author Patrick Whitehurst released “Haunted Monterey County,” in which he tells stories of people who claim to have witnessed unexplained happenings.**

**S**outh of Soledad, spooky tales swirl around a boarded-up adobe. An empty rocking chair sways, seemingly on its own, in an old Monterey hotel. Elsewhere, students whisper of ghostly figures roaming former Marina military barracks.

These stories top the list of secretive and supernatural events chronicled in “Haunted Monterey County,” a new book by Patrick Whitehurst.

The book is the fourth nonfiction release by Whitehurst, who is now writing the third volume in his Monterey Peninsula-inspired fiction series. Drawing on a lifelong love of the mysteries explored by local author Randall Reinstedt—to whom this latest book is dedicated—Whitehurst digs into the legends of haunted sites across Monterey County.

“I write about areas along the coast, but also in Salinas and King City and other communities that haven’t received as much coverage,” he says.

Whitehurst took a journalistic approach to the project, visiting the featured locations and compiling first-hand accounts of unexplained happenings, but has yet to spot anything strange himself.

“I’ve never been one to see a ghost or feel anything too weird,” Whitehurst says. “I think some people are prone to witness these sorts of things, but some of us have duller senses, in that regard.”

“*Haunted Monterey County*” is available at several Monterey County bookstores, through online retailers and at [patrickwhitehurst.com](http://patrickwhitehurst.com).