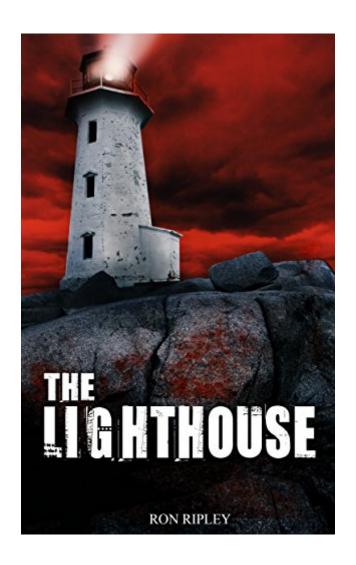
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Synopsis

Ex-marine Shane Ryan is a ghost hunter whose troubled past haunts him almost as much as the ghosts he encounters in the line of duty. Heâ TMs the best. And his reward for excellence? The punishment of being in high demand for jobs to eradicate the worst kind of ghosts â "the kind that kill. His latest assignment is an idyllic island setting with sunny skies, crystal blue ocean and a venerable old lighthouse that makes the scenery picture perfect â | except for the malevolent, murderous ghosts marring the living portrait. If Amy, the owner, wasnâ TMt Marie Lafontaineâ TMs cousin, Shane would have steered clear of Squirrel Island and its diabolical dead. But Detective Lafontaine is his do-or-die friend. Heâ TMd do anything for her. Even face Dorothy, the undead Evilena who kills anyone invading her unholy domain. Add two shipwrecked couples to the mix and Shane has more trouble than he wants to handle. Shaneâ TMs mission is clear: rid the island of Dorothy and her band of undead while keeping his new charges alive. But how could he know that staying alive meant facing the worst evil ever imagined?

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Customer Reviews

This is my first Ron Ripley read, although I did buy one quite some time ago. I chose this for my Prime book of the month expecting a good ghost story and set my curiosity for Berkley Street. Also the setting of a lighthouse, which I love really got my attention. I have to admit, initially I was turned off with the bickering ghost hunters and then the graphic violence as I thought all the characters weren't going to survive the first couple chapters, Then less than halfway through the book after all the protagonists were deceased and joined by a milieu of paranormal occurrences and specters, the story picked up quickly into a true page turner. It took me awhile to warm up to Shane Ryan a true ghostbuster and his surviving investigator, Courtney. Who was all these killer ghosts and why did they worship this one Dorothy who held them to Squirrel Island where this lighthouse was. We slowly learn of their history but are always reminded of the power of Dorothy and her menacing presence as well as her ability to get the other ghosts both old and well, fresh from the killings to obey her whims in continuing her killings for whatever reason. Since Shane was only set to be on the island for a day or so to look into a contractor's suicide and make sure the island is in ship shape for the new owner, we are comforted by the fact that he and his entourage will be rescued. Or will they. This is when pages couldn't turn fast enough as new action, explanations and plot twists abound. I won't reveal anymore to spoil anything. I have to admit since this wasn't my cup of tea in ghost stories, I was going to be generous with maybe a three star rating. I really have to compliment Ron Ripley and his writing skills as well as fertile imagination giving the standard ghost story a new boost. A nice change.

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