

Doll House (in the middle of our street)

JD, would you like to buy a haunted Doll?

If yes, this is the guide for you.

If not, I'm sure it's because you don't want to be scammed, so this is the guide for you.

And to our listeners, yes, **you**, I'm not going to let fear of buying a counterfeit hold any of you back.

I'm going to help that **Documented Julia Intelligent Haunted Vintage doll with EVIDENCE!** Out of your shopping cart and into your home.

All you need is a little faith, a little magic, and cold hard cash.

It's the American way.

Now, the haunted object trade is not just limited to dolls.

There's a whole metaphysical economy online.

You want a magical ziploc bag that will always refill? Try eBay.

You want a haunted ceramic pitcher that will always refill? Try Facebook Marketplace.

You're after a spell that will allow you to refill any bottle? Try Etsy.

Requirements and guidelines vary from site to site.

For example, you can't buy spells, curses, or any other magical acts on Ebay.

Because it violates their requirements that a buyer be able to verify they've received something they've ordered.

As a side note, you also can't sell or buy a human soul on Ebay.

The reason being if the soul does not exist, it cannot be received, and if it does exist, it would violate their policy on selling human remains.

Facebook Marketplace groups have their own cryptic rules.

But Etsy does not give a single solitary fuck.

As I write this you can buy **"HEX YOUR EX until they return, Return ex, Obsession spell, Change Ex's Mind"** for \$25.62, **"WORST DEATH SPELL/Get your revenge/destroying enemies/Same Day"** for just \$47.70 and **"Stop smoking Cannabis - Spell"** for \$113.92.

Checkmate devil's lettuce enjoyers.

If your jazz cabbage isn't addictive, why does it cost twice as much as killing someone with magic to quit?

But with how wide the market is for magic and haunted items, I think for our first look its worth zero-ing in on one of the most popular occult items online, dolls.

They go by many names, spirited dolls, haunted dolls, and the emerging horror dolls.

The distinction varies from one seller to another.

Some vendors reserve spirited dolls to those dolls that serve as vessels to positive spirits.

Some vendors use haunted as the term for a doll possessed by a human spirit.

And some vendors use the term horror doll for dolls that have negative entities attached and have been altered to look creepier.

The Annabelle movies really set unrealistic expectations for haunted dolls.

It's not enough to be old and porcelain anymore, even though the real life Annabelle is just a three foot tall Raggedy Anne Doll.

For our purposes, I'm going to stick with Haunted Dolls as the default.

How much a haunted doll costs can vary, from around \$10 to well over a thousand.

There are two main factors that affect the price of a haunted doll.

The spirit associated with it, and the backstory of the spirit.

I spoke with Jason, a demonologist and paranormal expert, who runs an Etsy shop called Beyondourworld11 with his partner, Lisa, who's a medium.

Jason provided me with the documentation for doll care, which included a helpful breakdown for the kinds of spirits that might inhabit a doll.

- You've got your classic, human spirits, your basic ghost.
- There's demons or angels, think most of us are familiar with the baseline concept, demon bad, angel good.
- There's also djinn, which are not the Robin Williams type, no wishes from them, but can be either positive or negative.
- And finally, your fairies, which tend to be mischievous.

According to Jason, human spirits are by far the most common, with spirits of human witches being the largest subgroup within the ghost category.

So if you're looking for a budget option to get into the haunted doll game, a ghost possessed one is a good place to start.

The other factor in the price or quality of a haunted doll is the backstory.

Now, the format of these backstories can change depending on the type of spirit inhabiting the doll.

But when it comes to ghosts, I've found that a good backstory contains 3 main parts.

They'll start with the life story of a person:

William was a hard working man and he did everything he could to provide for his family and be a great father figure to his 6 children.

He loved having a simple life and always got his hands dirty. There was never a time that he didn't have some form of cuts or burns on his fingers. He always kept his nails short and would make sure to clean up before supper.

He was a lover, but if you messed with his wife or family he sure did have a temper.

They'll include details of their death:

He was born in Kentucky and never left until the day he passed away from a heart attack.

He went outside to grab the laundry and he fell to the ground. His wife found him shortly after but it was too late.

And they'll typically describe the kinds of paranormal activity you can expect from the spirit.

Recognize his hard work and dedication to those around him and he will help provide for you.

His spirit will help guide you, listen

If there are children in the home and he hears adults fighting he will not like it, he wants to keep children safe and doesn't believe a man and woman should share foul or unkind words. Don't be alarmed if you hear a deep voice or a loud Whistle.

His spirit is long and lengthy and carries a grey shadow. Glides smoothly and not fast as if it is in a rush to not be seen.

So from this we can pick up that William is a generally positive presence, and comes equipped with a folksy attitude and wisdom.

But of course, not every backstory is as full of country charm as William.

Meet Scarlet

Scarlet Is a malevolent Spirit

Scarlet is a born in 1910, she was viciously abused by her husband.. and eventually killed by him

Her spirit has been angry every since and still wants vengeance against her husband

She resides in this doll due to the result of a Ouija Board possession, she was invited to live in the doll

A few months after coming into the doll things started happening in the owners home and they didn't know how to handle it

Moving objects around the house

Lights started flickering

Dark shadows around the house as well as cool spots

Unknown voices Being heard around the house

Dizziness

Headaches

A feeling of being watched

And unknown noises

And sometimes you may smell a foul smell

But we still get an idea of who Scarlet was, and what you're signing up for when she gets to you.

So shout out to Scarlet who also didn't really do anything wrong.

Nonhuman spirits may be a little different in terms of the backstory, but you can still expect a breakdown of what kind of spirit it is, and what kind of activity the doll is capable of.

Today I present to you the unique Jenglot spirit of Devrel. Jenglot are often referred to as humanoid and around 4 and a half inches tall. Many people believe they are another species of vampires due to their long nails and discreet lifestyle where they ingest blood.

Devrel is not afraid to make his presence known once he has received an offering. He prefers small drops of blood. I often do this by pricking my finger and placing it on a piece of paper for him. He will use the blood as energy to allow you to become one with him.

Although he is small in nature, his personality is quite large. He enjoys communicating through pendulums and loves pets. He will not harm you, your family, or your pets.

Or maybe you're after a succubus to suck so you can bus'.

This entity is named Dolores... Where some succubi have almost reptilian features, Dolores is more womanly and human like. She is unusually tall however and her hair is much much longer but curly. She has no white to her eyes, and no pupils. They are clear blue, and she has very pale white skin.

You may find yourself dreaming of her, and thinking about her at inopportune times during the day... even when she is not summoned, you must take care not to get addicted to her summonings and call to her only in moderation.

Once summoned she will appear in your dreams and perform acts upon you like you have never experienced before. You may awaken somewhat disoriented, and confused, or you may awaken "ready" and then wish for sleep in order that she may continue her visit... you may find that her visits do not "last long" due to the intensity of the experience.

She will willingly attend to both men or women and it is not recommended that she is kept near children or pets.

As with all succubi, do not mistake her for a lover, she does not have emotion, she is a demon and will drain your energy from these "experiences" to fuel her own energy. She is a narcissistic being. You may wake up drained and therefore it may be best (if you are a beginner with these entities) to wait until it is the weekend and you have no plans, as you may not be able to attend.

JD, how do you feel about haunted dolls for our no kinkshaming policy?

Personally, I'm torn, on the one hand, you're presumably not buying the doll because you find the doll sexually attractive, but on the otherhand, buying an American Girl doll so you can clear your calendar from all the cumming you're gonna do seems like a bit of a red flag.

I'd compare it to the TLC show I am Shauna Rae. JD are you familiar?

So Shauna's in her 20s, but she has pituitary dwarfism, so she looks like an eight year old. She's like 3 foot something, her face looks like a literal child's, and her voice sounds like a child.

So part of the show is her trying to date, but there's an aspect where any dude that's into her based on looks seems immediately sus because she looks like an actual child.

Anyway, I can talk about TLC shows for hours, Backstories and the types of spirits are important, they help you understand what exactly it is you're inviting into your home.

I asked Jason how Haunted Dolls get their backstories and he told me that it varies from doll to doll.

Sometimes dolls are directly given to sellers by someone who knew the deceased and will offer the story.

Sometimes sellers will get a doll from another Haunted Doll collector and it will come with the associated story.

But according to Jason, nine out of ten backstories for dolls come from paranormal research conducted on the dolls after getting them.

Jason said he and his partner Lisa have a quarantine and research protocol established when they bring in a new doll.

They'll begin by isolating the doll in a chamber surrounded by a salt line with protective sigils around it.

Sometimes all the doll requires is time to start showing activity.

But beyond showing activity, there's also a desire to figure out the backstory of the dolls.

Jason and Lisa use a mix of methods, including some on the more tech side of paranormal research such as:

- Voice recorders to capture electronic voice phenomena
- Spirit boxes, which switch quickly between radio frequencies with the idea that spirits can communicate by altering the frequencies.

And some methods which are more on the divination/mediumship side of things:

- Ouija boards, so that spirits can spell out messages
- Dowsing rods, which can pick up the presence of spirits and can really only get binary yes/no answers

- And most often, pendulums, which can be used to interpret the swing of the pendulum as yes/no answers, but can also incorporate a witches board which is like a circular ouija board.

Through these methods, Jason and Lisa are able to piece together the backstory of the haunted doll, in a process that can take months.

Jason also said that it's important to remember that when divining with the haunted doll, other entities may be drawn to the divination and try to use the doll as a gateway.

That's why it's important to keep the haunted doll isolated throughout the research process.

Now, the methodology for creating the backstory is not always apparent, but it never hurts if the provided description includes mention of getting Electronic Voice Phenomena, making itself known on a Spirit Box, or getting readings from a KII meter.

Jason recommended making sure that the backstory includes whether or not the doll is a positive or negative entity before you bring anything home.

I also came across some backstories that I would recommend against ordering:

This is a spirited art doll vessel, you can get shadows flickering lights knocking on walls furniture moved around doors opening and shutting orbs ECT follow me on my YouTube.

Mainly because that's just the most generic posting imaginable. I looked at that seller's page and they had like 10 posts with this same description.

Each of those dolls was being sold for \$100, which seems worth a little more pizzazz in your write-up before plugging your YouTube Channel.

But I'd also recommend against buying a doll that reads something like this:

I'm Absinthe. I don't remember much of my past but I do remember mommy wasn't nice.. she was mean.. she did horrible things.. is that what people are supposed to do? Evil is among this world and nobody can control it.. what is the purpose of this life..? Mine isn't good.. I accidentally cause people misfortune I don't mean to do.. I cry in the night when the moon arises.. I weep with crickets and sleep with sheep.. my cradle controls me and my attitude. Mother wasn't nice so why should I? I heard of cleansing but it's not possible.. is it..?

You're telling me a doll wrote this post?

Fuck off.

Another thing to look for when you're trying to purchase a haunted doll is a statement that these dolls are being sold "for entertainment purposes only."

You might think that this is counterintuitive, but according to haunted doll expert Kevin Cain

"These dolls aren't for entertainment or fun. These are actual haunted items with spirits attached who want to be respected. Then you have those who, if you're not careful, are demonic and ready to tear into your soul."

So the caveat that these dolls are being sold for entertainment is included as kind of a "wink-wink, nudge-nudge" from the sellers to be like "we have to say this."

It's sort of an adoption of legal-adjacent language to admonish the seller from responsibility if nothing happens, or, if too much happens.

Checking a seller's page for feedback from other buyers can also be a useful step in ensuring that you'll get all the ghosts you pay for.

A lot of sellers, like [Beyondourworld11](#), focus on selling haunted dolls, so a reliable seller, like anything else you buy online, should have a solid history of positive reviews.

As far as what kind of doll you should look for, there's a huge variety of looks and eras for your haunted dolls.

As I mentioned earlier, horror dolls are a specific subset of the haunted doll market that have been altered to look scarier.

But aside from that, you can buy a haunted doll that fits any look you want.

From a creepy vintage Victorian doll for the person who loves the classics, to a Bratz doll for the aging millennial.

Many sellers advise browsing dolls and finding the one whose look you're drawn to.

Just be sure to read any backstory to know what kind of entity you'd be inviting into your home.

Once you've purchased your new bundle of, whatever it was you wound up choosing, it's time to prepare yourself and your home for your new spiritual companion / tormentor.

Jason recommends starting with mentally preparing yourself for your doll's arrival.

Start getting ready to communicate with it, look into getting a communication method ready.

Again, we're talking pendulums, dowsing rods, ouija boards, spirit boxes (or spirit box apps, Jason recommended the SGK-2, because a lot of apps include fake noises), spirit dice (which are dice with letters on them that can spell out messages), or

even a light up ball which a spirit can use to give affirmative messages.

Once your doll arrives, you can expect there to be a little warm up period, but there's some general do's and don'ts you can follow to make sure your spirit feels welcome.

Again, these come from Jason.

- Do
 - Talk with your spirit and give it attention
 - If there are things it seems to like, or if they enjoy offerings, treat yo dolls
 - Keep spirit vessels and haunted objects from touching one another
 - Keep the doll clean
 - Set boundaries
- Don't
 - Pressure the spirit to communicate
 - Neglect the doll
 - Disrespect the doll
 - Test or perform rituals on the dolls

So now you know how you can buy your first haunted Doll, oh, and if your doll is telling you a name, it might be looking for a friend, so you may have to get back on the market.

So, JD, now that you know what to look for, how are we feeling on the whole buying a haunted doll thing?

So, let's step back for a second, what is it that draws people to buying haunted dolls?

I spent hours looking at pages and pages of dolls and I never felt tempted to buy one for myself.

But I did think about sending one to JD.

There's more or less two camps of doll buyers.

Of course, you have your paranormal collectors, these are the people who help keep oddity stores alive.

According to Jason these are the repeat customers, who like building a collection of haunted dolls and other spiritually active objects as a hobby and point of interest.

But there's another subset of people who tend to buy haunted dolls.

I was able to find a 2015 Vice article by Jak Hutchcraft.

In the article Hutchcraft interviews Jayne, who is a standout haunted doll collector, she runs her own doll adoption agency on Facebook, Jayne is all in on haunted dolls.

I think that the fact that Jayne frames her haunted doll group as an adoption page explains what draws people to haunted dolls as well as anything else, companionship.

Here's a quote from Jayne ""There are some people who are interested because they don't have children of their own. They ask if I've come across any spirited children that are in limbo."

Jason confirmed that he's also observed that a lot of the people who feel drawn towards purchasing a haunted doll feel like they're missing something.

Some people might have wanted to have kids but can't at this point in their lives, some might have a hard time making friends, and some might just feel generally uncomfortable dealing with the living.

Jason said that in his experience these types of buyers tend to be one-time customers.

Which suggests one of two things, one, the dolls are killing them.

Two, that the people who buy these dolls and leave glowing reviews feel like these dolls have helped them fill that sense of lack in their lives.

So if I'm right about the second option, and having Dolores in your life makes you feel a little less alone in this dark, isolating world, more power to ya.

I want to thank Jason at [Beyondourworld11](#) again for being willing to talk.

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