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GUILEY, Rosemary Ellen. *The Encyclopedia of Ghosts and Spirits*. 3rd ed. 564p. illus. photos. reprints. further reading. index. CIP. Facts On File. 2007. Tr \$75. ISBN 978-0-8160-6737-4. LC 2006103302.

Gr 5 Up-This riveting volume provides a much-needed expansion and update of one of the best references on the subject. Well researched and engagingly written, the comprehensive work provides more than 600 alphabetically arranged articles, with appended bibliographies, on the history of ghosts and spirits from the ancient world to contemporary times. Coverage includes entries on paranormal investigators, infamous haunted places (the Borley Rectory, the Antietam Battlefield, Alcatraz), objective and well-balanced investigations of hauntings (such as the Amityville case), descriptions of types of ghosts and spirits, and of communication with the spirit world. Additional pieces include discussions of out-of-body experiences, phantom ships, possession, reincarnation, mediums, and electronic voice phenomena. The two well-spaced columns of clear type per page are interspersed with relevant and instructive black-and-white photographs. A thorough index adds to the usefulness of the work. This is an outstanding tool for serious researchers and laypeople alike. It complements and supplements Hans Holzer's less-balanced *Ghosts: True Encounters with the World Beyond* (Black Dog & Leventhal, 1997).-Hillary Jan Donitz-Goldstein, formerly at New York Public Library