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The most haunted neighborhood in America? With more than 45 square blocks of wonderful hundred-year-old mansions and charming town homes, Old Louisville counts as the largest Victorian neighborhood in the nation. Given that there are more than 1,000 structures in all where generations of families have lived, loved and died, it is not surprising that there might be a ghost or two knocking about in this acclaimed National Register Historic Preservation District. So many so, in fact, that Old Louisville has also gained the reputation as being the most haunted neighborhood in the country. David Domine found this out for himself when he purchased a lovely 1895 chateausque mansion on Old Louisville's famed Millionaires Row in 1999. A self-proclaimed skeptic, he dismissed rumors of a mischievous resident poltergeist named Lucy when he moved in, but he soon found himself at a loss to explain the disembodied footsteps, mysterious odors and paranormal activity that

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From the Back Cover

A trained interpreter in Spanish and German, David Domine earned his B.A. from the University of Wisconsin in 1989 and has completed graduate studies at the Karl-Franzens-Universitat in Graz, Austria, the University of California at Santa Barbara and the University of Louisville. Ever the consummate traveler, he has studied and worked in the Philippines, Mexico, Germany, Italy, Spain and Austria, and it was in these far-off places that he honed his appreciation for American food and culture. When not translating or writing restaurant reviews for magazines such as Kentucky Monthly and Arts Across Kentucky, he teaches foreign languages at Bellarmine University and Indiana University Southeast. His current projects include his first novel The Wonders of Absinthe and Peter Paul's Kitchen, a seven-act play set in Old Louisville. He is also the author of Adventures in New Kentucky Cooking with the Bluegrass Peasant and Splash of Bourbon, Kentucky's Spirit, also published by McClanahan Publishing House, Inc.

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Best selling author David Domine is a modern-day wordsmith who lived a storied 1895 chateausque home in Old Louisville, one of the largest historic preservation districts in the country. A series of unexplained occurrences there led him to research the haunted history of the neighborhood, and since then he has delighted countless readers with tales of the supernatural in GHOSTS OF OLD LOUISVILLE: True Stories of Hauntings in America's Largest Victorian Neighborhood and PHANTOMS OF OLD LOUISVILLE: Ghostly Tales from America's Most Haunted Neighborhood. An accredited interpreter and foreign language instructor, he also writes travel pieces and food reviews for various local and national publications. Travel is a great passion for him, and he has lived in the Philippines, Mexico, Spain, Italy, Austria and Germany - all places that allowed him to indulge his passion for food, wine and adventure. He holds post-graduate degrees from the University of Louisville, the University of California at Santa Barbara and Karl-Franzens-Universität in Graz, Austria. When not writing or teaching, he likes to sneak off with his dogs and hunt down new recipes and ghost stories around his adopted state of Kentucky. One of his most recent projects include a cookbook about new Kentucky cuisine released in 2007 by his alter ego, the Bluegrass Peasant; additional books include HAUNTS OF OLD LOUISVILLE: Gilded Age Ghosts and Haunted Mansions in America's Spookiest Neighborhood (August 2010) and THE BOURBON COOKBOOK (2011).

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