

Hollywood Script Consultant Releases Historic Novel about a True Early American Ghost Story

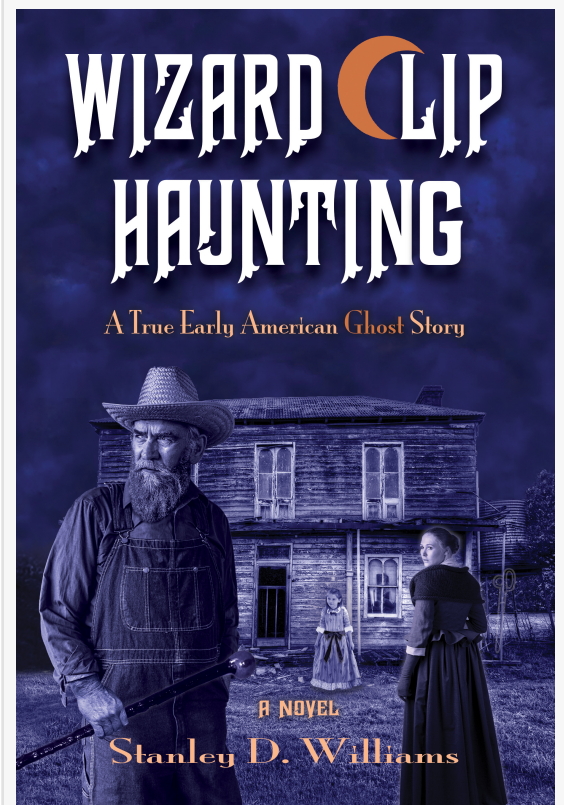
Hollywood script consultant, Dr. Stan Williams, prepares for West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland book tour for historic novel, "The Wizard Clip Haunting"

NORTHVILLE, MI, UNITED STATES, June 2, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Dr. Stan Williams](#), novelist, filmmaker, and Hollywood story consultant, announces book and speaking tour to Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Michigan for his 18th century historic novel "[The Wizard Clip Haunting](#)." He will appear at the Four Seasons Bookstore in Shepherdstown, October 7; Middleway Days, October 14 in Middleway, WV and other venues in Loretto, PA; Hagerstown, MD; Charlestown, WV; Winchester, VA; Martinsburg, WV, and Ashburn, VA.

As a sought after writing coach who's movie projects have earned over a billion dollars at the box office, Dr. Williams will reveal how successful books and screenplays can be structured and plotted to connect with vast, worldwide audiences. His work in Hollywood is based on his best selling book: "The Moral Premise: Harnessing Virtue and Vice for Box Office Success" from Michael Wiese Productions.

One of the tried and true techniques of historical fiction is to begin with a rich history of a documented but ironic event for which there is a plethora of information and characters whose lineage can be traced. Painstaking historical research of the era is also necessary in everything from construction techniques, to politics, to the exchange of coinage and currency which was in great flux at the end of the 18th century.

While a work of historical fiction, a great many of the characters and events in the novel are real. The main characters: Adam and Mary Ann Livingston, their neighbors Richard and Anastasia McSherry, and Fr. Denis Cahill actually lived through the hauntings. Further, at the request of



The Wizard Clip Haunting Book Cover

Bishop John Carroll, the events were investigated by none other than Rev. (Prince) Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin, who founded the town of Loretto, PA. Gallitzin came to be known as the Apostle of the Alleghenies, and is under consideration for canonization by the Catholic Church. His current status is "Servant of God."

During his life time, Fr. Gallitzin wrote of the Wizard Clip hauntings: "After three months of investigation, I was soon converted to a full belief of them. No lawyer in a court of justice did more than I, nor procured more than your unworthy servant."

The story Gallitzin tells is not one but four, woven into a colorful, and at times, tragic tapestry of American history along with real and fictional characters. The first story involves a 35-acre plot of land that becomes the site of a deranged murder, a forged land deed, and a curse that results in its ownership being contested for a 100 years. Today, the plot of land fulfills Adam Livingston's wish that it be used for the care and feeding of a Catholic priest. The second story involves Adam Livingston and his family who are forced to deal not only with the hauntings, but their own imperfections that lead to disastrous and deadly

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consequences. The third story is that of a heroic but renegade Irish priest, Fr. Denis Cahill. Having escaped anti-Catholic Ireland and finding his way to America by a circuitous route, the rebel cleric falls out with America's first bishop John Carroll, in part over the haunting events at Livingston's farm. But the residual anti-cleric sentiment left from England's penal laws, bring him often close to death, to say nothing of a particularly attractive Irish siren, Leticia. The fourth story is the source of the now famous hauntings, a persistent demonic poltergeist with a real name. Commonly known as the Clipping Wizard for its proclivity of cutting crescent moons from cloth, it does not

hesitate to lash out with vengeance and death when its existence is threatened by the presence

of Christian ministers who have come to exorcise it.

Today, over 200 years later, the village of Middleway, West Virginia continues to celebrate its place in history with wood badges on building fronts depicting a crescent moon and a pair of scissors. The village, to some, is still remembered as "Cliptown."

Stan Williams is a writer and filmmaker, based in Michigan with occasional forays to Los Angeles and Europe. Stan has worked with Will Smith who calls the "Most Important Tool in my new tool box." In their free time, Stan and his wife, Pam, enjoy sailing on the Great Lakes aboard their 41' ketch, Family Ties. They have three children, and ten grandchildren living nearby. Stan holds degrees in Physics (BA), Mass Communications (MA), and Film Studies/Narrative Theory (PhD).

A full press release with synopsis, plot summary, and distribution information of the four print editions and multiple digital editions is available at The Wizard Clip Haunting website.

The novel is available through all major retailers. Signed copies available from Nineveh's Crossing Distribution. Stan is available for interviews and collaborations.

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