## **Ghost Hampton Released**

## Volume 1 of New Paranormal Series by Ken McGorry

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(New York City/ Los Angeles): "It was the roadwork on Montauk Highway that made Lyle Hall get the electric chair." So begins Ken McGorry's gripping second novel, *Ghost Hampton*, recently released on Amazon and quickly attracting a swarm of five-star reader reviews. Inspired by a "haunted" Westhampton brothel, the netherworld invades New York's toniest summer haunt in this new supernatural thriller.

Lyle Hall, the story's central character, is a Scrooge-like Bridgehampton lawyer caught up in a swirl of mounting issues. Having made a lot of money but very few friends over his career in real estate, Lyle is best known for his greed, his drinking and his women trouble. All that ended abruptly with a car crash that took the life of the town's much revered "Elsie" on her way to her son's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party.

Lyle's own injuries now have him in an electric wheelchair, yet many locals choose to have fun at his expense. However, his near-death trauma has given him something – a strange ability to feel others' pain. Including the pain of a mysterious girl who once lived in the town's long-abandoned brothel one hundred years ago. Lyle believes that "Jewel" the apparition does not want her old house torn down. And Jewel reveals a shocking premonition on a gravestone. Its inscription says his daughter "Georgie," a local police detective, has only four days left to live.

In court, it leaks that Lyle believes the old brothel is haunted. All hell breaks loose as hordes of paranormal fans pitch a tent city around his Bridgehampton home. Lyle quickly becomes the subject of a media circus of national proportions. Through it all strides his new nemesis, "Silk," a scheming reporter in stiletto heels. But time runs out for Georgie as Lyle and an old frenemy struggle to uncover the brothel's secrets. Lyle must disentangle himself from Silk's exclusive media contract to avert Georgie's imminent death. Instead, he stumbles. Badly.

## **Ghost Hampton** is a "great summer beach read" that:

- Places believable characters in tense "what if" scenarios
- Balances human needs and motives with palpable otherworldly dread
- Explores the life-changing effects of a near-death experience
- Triggers unexpected laughter as contentious characters lunge and parry
- Exposes a world of drugs and crime, and the lingering curse of evil
- Shares the crucial importance of preserving family.

"Ghost Hampton is not exactly Father Knows Best," says McGorry, who's already toiling away on Books 2 and 3. "But I firmly believed it was time for a new antihero and, the lower Lyle Hall sank, the more perilous would be his attempt to rise to the challenges facing him."

Ken McGorry worked for over 23 years for *Post* Magazine as Editor, Editorial Director, Associate Publisher and more for the film and television monthly and its ancillary print products, videos, websites and live industry events. He and his wife have two strapping sons and a summer house in Westhampton Beach, NY – where there's a certain very old house.

"This fluid, cerebral narrative features a cast of unconventional characters and an offbeat sense of humor...the paranormal element gives the storyline a dark, almost surreal feel. Mystery fans should find this darkly comedic novel not only entertaining, but enlightening as well. Hall's redemptive, brilliantly plotted journey is both painful and poignant." -- Kirkus Reviews.

"Ghost Hampton is an immensely enjoyable ghost story with characters you care about and twists that are unexpected... I absolutely loved this story." -- Goodreads review. For more **Ghost Hampton** reviews: https://www.goodreads.com

Learn more about Ken McGorry and watch the *Ghost Hampton* trailer at: <a href="https://www.ghosthampton.com">www.ghosthampton.com</a> and <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ghosthampton">https://www.facebook.com/ghosthampton</a>.

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