

207 – BOOK SUMMARY

207 is a true story based upon a series of terrifying events that occurred in the Author's life while living in Upstate New York during the late 1980s. Married just over one year and five months pregnant, Jill and her husband moved into 207 19th Street, Watervliet, with highest hopes despite her hesitation about the spiritual aspects of the property.

Just prior to making the decision to make the Victorian flat their new residence, Jill began to experience a sequence of foreboding dreams. Shortly after their move, Jill's husband began to undergo extreme personality disturbances. He also exhibited bizarre behavior which continued to escalate as they settled into their home.

On the evening of June 28th, 1989, after months of relentless emotional and spiritual torture had reached its boiling point, Jill's husband cornered her and their eight-month-old son with a loaded .12-gauge shotgun. With only moments to spare, it was Jill's mother who miraculously saved her daughter and grandson from a brutal murder-suicide plot. Shortly after the heroic efforts of her mother, Jill's husband shot and killed himself in the living room of 207. The story did not end there.

Days after her husband's passing, the family priest mentioned that he believed Jim had been at the very least, suffering from a demonic oppression, and ultimately a possession. Familiar with the home and surrounding area, the priest confided that there had long-existed unusual activity in the vicinity of 207. Two weeks later, Jill's fears and impressions of the home were further validated when her landlord told her that another man had also committed suicide in the same manner, in the same room, approximately 30-years prior when his brother had owned 207.

Always sensing there to be a serious spirit problem in the home, Jill vowed to one-day research the owners and tenants of the property. It was her mission to get to the bottom of one of the most heartbreaking and tragic periods in her adult life. She also felt it was best to wait until her infant son was an adult before embarking on that very journey.

By the time Jill completed 207, she had gathered enough information and evidence to warrant another book dedicated to tracing the home and city's dark past. Jill's intuition, along with witness information, corroborated the fact that home's lot had remained very active long after her husband's death, and the razing of the structure.

After three years of painstaking research and dangerous investigation, Jill finished *Saints Sinners & Sacred Ground*. Jill describes Saints as a knotted web of evil linking the distant past to a present-day, spiritually contaminated land. Encountering obstruction of historical records and deliberate denial of access to public information, Jill persevered.

In time, she was able to navigate a trail of misconduct aimed at sidelining the release of the book. *Saints Sinners & Sacred Ground* was published in late 2013, and brings to light a city whose foundation is layered in death. *A portion of proceeds from the sale of 207 are divided equally and donated to the Domestic Violence Hotline, and the National Suicide Hotline.