



## **APPARITIONS**

Bailey Khane is a renowned author visited by ghostly guests; murder victims seeking the peace of the grave. Unbeknownst to her, they were all slain by the same man. Caught between the growing shadow of his knife and the unholy fury of the dead he has left in his wake, she is forced to call upon obscure knowledge of the occult, superstition and myth to survive.

...will she succeed?

When Andy Bennett searches for the answers to his sister's murder he is drawn into a web of horror and shambling corpses. With Bailey high on his list of suspects -

Will he draw her from their clutches and risk becoming their prey?

Sheriff Jay Carson and Deputy Raines fight to form a line between their citizens and the creatures that crave to destroy them.

Will they fall and leave their town defenseless in the face of death?

## **WHERE DID THE IDEA FOR APPARITIONS COME FROM...**

“The seed for *Apparitions* came to me when I was reading about a particularly brutal murder in the news. Most crimes bother me but murder is the ultimate crime against your fellows. So very much is lost – dreams, progress, family... It got me wondering – what more could be done to catch these criminals? What would these spirits say if they had one last chance to speak?

Then the character of Bailey Khane sprouted from that seed. The answer, if you will, to those questions. As I delved deeper into Bailey it turned out that she was haunted by more than ghosts. She was haunted by her past, by misunderstandings and pain. Her fight became the fight most of us face every day throughout our lives and so her story will continue in *Windigo...*”

- *Raven Bower*

*Apparitions* is available at local bookstores. If they don't have it in stock they can order it from their suppliers - Ingrams and Baker & Taylor.

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**WHAT OTHER AUTHORS ARE SAYING ABOUT APPARITIONS...**

"With 'Apparitions', author Raven Bower manages to weave a suspenseful crime story with paranormal elements into a chilling read. She reaches deep down into the razor-sharp wire of her imagination and cuts a tale of stark terror. Definitely a writer to watch!"

-- Darren Franz--author of Jack Frost & Ghost Train

"First-time novelist Raven Bower has written a genuine horror story, filled with twists and turns and enough chills to keep readers turning the pages... that is, until the sun sets."

--Steve Alten, N.Y. Times best-selling author of MEG & The LOCH.

"Raven Bower's work shows an intimate awareness of the dark things and the malevolent side of human nature. Unsettling scenes abound in APPARITIONS, and there's not a doubt in my mind that we'll be seeing much more of Ms. Bower in the future. A writer with great promise!"

-- Kealan Patrick Burke, Bram Stoker Award-winning author of CURRENCY OF SOULS, THE TURTLE BOY, and THE HIDES.

**APPARITION READER'S NOTE FROM RAVEN...**

Dear Reader,

Lives shattered in an act of violence...have you ever wondered what the dead would say if they could talk? Author Bailey Khane knows...

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be hunted? Bailey is about to find out.

In a world where nothing is what it seems and the dead seek vengeance – will she survive?

Join the suspense, romance and danger in my dark suspense novel, *Apparitions!*

I hope you enjoy reading *Apparitions*. If you manage to take something from it – please take the knowledge that the human spirit is capable of anything we set our will to. There is hope and light everywhere even if we have to make it ourselves.

Please see the 'Book Club Discussion Questions' for interesting topic starts for you and your friends.

Look for the next book in the Apparitions Series – *Windigo* coming soon.

~Raven Bower

**APPARITION LIBRARIAN NOTE FROM RAVEN...**

Dear Librarian,

*Apparitions* is filled with suspense, romance and a deadly dose of the supernatural. Author Bailey Khane writes murder mysteries...given to her by ghosts of dead women. Little does she know that they were all slain by the same man. Between the growing shadow of his blade and the fury of the apparitions Bailey must seek justice and use everything in her power to survive.

Your patrons will grip the covers while accompanying Bailey throughout her struggle and they'll be pleased to continue with Bailey on her next adventure in *Windigo*.

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Visit [www.ravenbower.com](http://www.ravenbower.com) for more!

~Raven Bower

## APPARITION BOOK CLUB INFO

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Enjoy!

~Raven Bower

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To support the philanthropic side of Raven Bower, by request, she will donate a limited number of appearances per year to be raffled off at local charity events in the state of Michigan. Other states may be considered. Send your request in via e-mail and visit her web site for details.

Readers can meet with Raven at any of her events, which are posted and updated here - [http://www.ravenbower.com/rb\\_events.html](http://www.ravenbower.com/rb_events.html)

**BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1.) Bailey has the ability to see ghosts and to tell their stories. Would you see this ability as a gift or a curse? How would you react to ghosts wanting to communicate with you?
- 2.) Crime and law play a large role in Apparitions. After reading the novel do you see law enforcement or criminals in a different light than before? Has it solidified or shaken your views?
- 3.) Andy has to get over his initial suspicion of Bailey, who he believes has murdered his sister. If you were in his place what would it take to prove her innocence or guilt?
- 4.) Bailey is a very superstitious person – some of her superstitions turn out to be true in the novel. Has Apparitions changed your view on such beliefs? Do you hold to any superstitions?
- 5.) Throughout Apparitions the author weaves the mystical in with reality. Does something have to be scientifically proven before we admit that it might or does exist? Do you believe there are still mysteries yet to be discovered?
- 6.) Bailey's faith, and at some points lack thereof, have a strong influence on the plot. Do you believe there is an ultimate good and evil? If so can one affect the other?
- 7.) Andy is stuck in town when he realizes that the killer has found Bailey and she is in danger. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt helpless and the clock was ticking? How would you have reacted if you were Andy?
- 8.) At the end of Apparitions it seems that Bailey and Andy end up together. Given their differences do you think they'll have the strength to work through their issues together? Do you think their relationship will go further in the sequel, Windigo, or fall apart?
- 9.) Bailey has to face the killer, the apparitions, her own fears and accept what she is. Do you think this conclusion will change how she sees her ability in the future? With the death of the killer do you think her ability will change, go dormant or become stronger in Windigo?

**APPARITIONS EVENTS LISTING****July 2007**

Friday July 20th (6 pm - 9 pm)

Signing at the Bookmark in Ludington MI. For more information please call (231) 843-2537

Saturday July 21st (11am - 2pm) -

Signing at The Book and Antique Center in Thompsonville MI (231) 378-4575.

Saturday July 28th (11am - 2pm) -

Signing at Leelanau Books in Leland, MI (888) 257-0133.

**August 2007**

Saturday Aug. 4th (11am - 2pm) -

Signing at Book World in St. Ignace MI (906) 643-7569.

Friday Aug. 10th (2pm - 5pm) -

Signing at Book World in Marquette, MI (906) 228-9490.

Saturday Aug. 11th (TBD) -

Signing at the Falling Rock Café and Book Store in Munising MI (906) 387-3008.

Friday August 24th (6 pm - 9 pm)

Signing at Boyne Country Books in Boyne City, MI (231) 582-3180.

Saturday August 25th (1 pm - 3 pm)

Signing at Horizon Books in Petoskey, MI (231) 347-2590.

**September 2007**

Friday September 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup> (All Day)

Attending and participating at Contexts convention in Columbus OH where I'll be featured on a panel, "I Did It! And Here's How!"

**October 2007**

Monday Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> (All Day)

Participating at the Muse Online Writer's Conference and running a workshop 'Keeping the Edge'.

Saturday Oct. 13th and Sunday Oct. 14th (All Day)

Participating in the events at ConClave 32 in Romulus, MI.

**November 2007**

Friday November 2nd - 4th (All Day)

Attending the World Fantasy Convention in Saratoga, NY.