**AN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CLAIMS, FRAUDS, AND HOAXES**

**OF THE OCCULT AND SUPERNATURAL**

**BY JAMES RANDI**

**As you might expect, this book contains a listing of all things related to the supernatural.**

**But the entries aren't just definitions like you would find in a dictionary, or boring 'facts only' references as you would find in an encyclopedia, but informational tidbits laced with Randi's witty humor.**

**It is obvious that a lifetime of experience and research went into the writing of this book. It is very comprehensive and a delight to read.**

**It should be read as one of the early introductory books for anyone interested in becoming a skeptical thinker. Thereafter, it makes a great reference when paranormal subjects come up.**

**The only thing about the book that annoyed me was the use of images that were intermixed with the text in such a way as to leave the text readable but the image barely discernable. I found that distracting.**

**Reading this book was like revisiting the Skeptic's Dictionary (another invaluable resource for skeptical information).**

**Randi saved the best for last: an appendix which chronicles 49 end-of-the-world prophecies (they obviously failed - since you are reading this book review).**

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