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Superstition David Ambrose,2013-04-25 Having exposed a group of fraudulent spiritualists investigative journalist Joanna Cross is intrigued by the claims of psychologist Dr Sam Towne that paranormal phenomena do in fact exist Accepting his challenge to enter into a scientific experiment to create a ghost Joanna Sam and six volunteers bring to life Adam Wyatt a young American living in France after the American War of Independence Associated with the great minds and mystics at the close of the eighteenth century he dies tragically in the French Revolution The experiment is a great success with poltergeist activity and disembodied messages all scientifically recorded Sam s theory appears conclusive that ghosts are created by the people who see them But a series of inexplicable and ominous events force Joanna and Sam to realize the ghost they have brought to life can also cause death

The psychology of superstition Gustav Jahoda,1971

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The Mammoth Book of Superstition Roy Bainton,2016-11-10 Rather than providing a dictionary of superstitions of which there are already numerous excellent exhaustive and in many cases academic works which list superstitions from A to Z Bainton gives us an entertaining flight over the terrain landing from time to time in more thought provoking areas He offers an overview of humanity s often illogical and irrational persistence in seeking good luck and

avoiding misfortune While Steve Roud's two excellent books *The Penguin Dictionary of Superstitions* and his *Pocket Guide* and Philippa Waring's 1970 *Dictionary* concentrate on the British Isles Bainton casts his net much wider There are many origins which warrant the full back story such as Friday the thirteenth and the Knights Templar or the demonisation of the domestic cat resulting in cat holocausts throughout Europe led by the Popes and the Inquisition The whole is presented as a comprehensive entertaining narrative flow though it is of course a book that could be dipped into and includes a thorough bibliography Schoenberg who developed the twelve tone technique in music was a notorious triskaidekaphobe When the title of his opera *Moses und Aaron* resulted in a title with thirteen letters he renamed it *Moses und Aron* He believed he would die in his seventy sixth year 7613 and he was correct he also died on Friday the thirteenth at thirteen minutes before midnight As Sigmund Freud wrote Superstition is in large part the expectation of trouble and a person who has harboured frequent evil wishes against others but has been brought up to be good and has therefore repressed such wishes into the unconscious will be especially ready to expect punishment for his unconscious wickedness in the form of trouble threatening him from without

Superstitions Max Cryer,2016-05-01 Some people casually say touch wood when they speak of something they hope will happen Others won't allow peacock feathers into the house And almost anyone who finds a four leafed clover will treasure it and keep it Why Some superstitions are so ancient and have been practised for so long that they have come to be regarded as just harmless and widely observed customs without people realising they are basically superstitions For instance many people wouldn't bother tossing spilled salt over their left shoulder or avoid walking under a ladder But they happily continue to wear a wedding ring and blow out candles on a birthday cake They don't know why it's just a custom But both are actually superstitions In a book full of surprises and revelations Max Cryer explains the origins of many of the things we commonly say and observe and why we continue to include them in our lives kissing under the mistletoe the unlucky number thirteen the significance of the bridal bouquet saying bless you after sneezing the hanging of a horseshoe the Scottish play the danger in opals the Leap Year proposal so many aspects of our lives are coloured by superstition Now you can discover the reasons for them in a book that is both witty and informative *Superstitions* will provide many Eureka moments and settle many family disputes

The Scarecrow Walks at Midnight (Classic Goosebumps #16) R. L. Stine,2011-08-01
Goosebumps now on Disney Jodie loves visiting her grandparents farm Okay so it's not the most exciting place in the world Still Grandpa tells great scary stories And Grandma's chocolate chip cookies are the best But this summer the farm has really changed The cornfields are sparse Grandma and Grandpa seem worn out And the single scarecrow has been replaced by twelve evil looking ones Then one night Jodie sees something really odd The scarecrows seem to be moving Twitching on their stakes Coming alive

A Book of Quotations, Proverbs and Household Words Sir William Gurney Benham,1907
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