

Haunted Destinations

The Troubled Dead at the Ghostly

CRESCENT HOTEL, ARKANSAS



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Parent and Caregiver Tips for Creating Nonfiction Readers

The high-interest topics in the *Haunted Destinations* series are sure to get your young reader excited about reading nonfiction. While exploring a fascinating subject, your reader will be introduced to new concepts, facts, ideas, and vocabulary.

Tips for Reading Nonfiction

Talk about Nonfiction

Explain that nonfiction books provide facts about real-world topics. When readers read nonfiction, they gain a rich understanding of the world. They build background knowledge that provides a foundation for learning and academic success.

Look at the Parts

This book contains the following helpful features. Share the purpose of each feature with your reader.

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These extra tidbits of information help satisfy readers' curiosity and expand their knowledge.

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Comprehension Questions (Fact Check)

Multiple-choice questions help readers self-check to make sure they understand what they read.

Index

Located at the back of the book, the index is an alphabetical list of topics and the page numbers where they can be found.

With a little help and guidance, your reader will be on their way to enjoying and learning from nonfiction books.

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DARK MYSTERIES

Like a fancy cake on a stand, the grand Crescent Hotel and Spa sits atop an old mountain. It offers fantastic views of the Ozark Mountains and forests.



People also call the hotel The Grand Old Lady.

Guests also enjoy the trail through the woods leading down to Crescent Spring, one of the area's many large, fresh, and cool springs. For thousands of years, people have come to relieve their thirst and seek healing with water from these springs.

Fast Fact

Cherokee, Osage, and earlier Native American groups lived in this area long before it became part of the United States.

Because of the area's natural springs, businesses began to pop up in the 1870s. This led to the formation of the **resort** town of Eureka Springs. The railroad first linked to the town in 1883, opening the doors to tourism.

BY THE NUMBERS

1879: Eureka Springs became a town

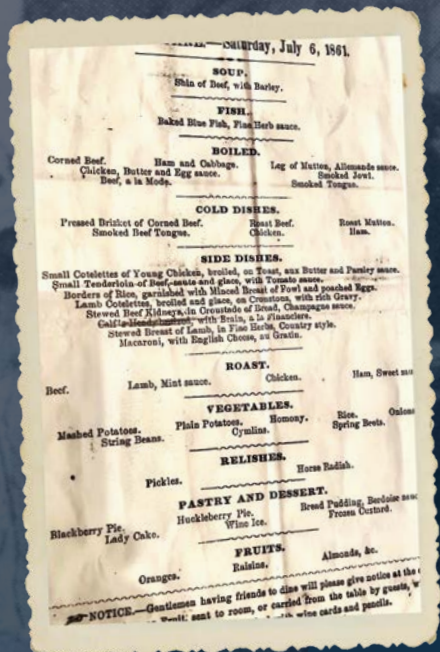
1880: the population of Eureka Springs was 15,000

1886: year the hotel opened



A little shelter covers Crescent Spring, decorating the natural landscape.

The Crescent Hotel opened in 1886 with every luxury a traveler could imagine. Guests bathed in the spring waters, dined, and enjoyed shows and dances. However, after 15 years, fewer guests visited. This meant changes would have to occur to keep the hotel in business.



Guests enjoyed fancy meals including steak, shrimp, and crab in the Crystal Dining Room.

Fast Fact

The hotel had elevators and electricity, which were rare for the time.

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