



## APS Bibliography

### Poltergeist & Material Interaction

**Study:** The American Periphenomenal Survey

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#### SECTION 1: FOUNDATIONAL TEXTS

Primary source material regarding Recurrent Spontaneous Psychokinesis (RSPK) and material interaction.

- **Gauld, A., & Cornell, A. D.** (1979). *Poltergeists*. Routledge & Kegan Paul.
  - The definitive academic survey of poltergeist cases from 1500 to the modern era. Establishes the standard criteria for "person-centered" vs. "place-centered" activity.
- **Roll, W. G.** (1972). *The Poltergeist*. New American Library.
  - Seminal work introducing the theory of RSPK. Roll argues that phenomena are often externalized psychological stress from a living "focal agent" rather than spirits of the dead.
- **Fodor, N.** (1948). *On the Trail of the Poltergeist*. Citadel Press.
  - Early psychoanalytic approach to the phenomenon. Fodor proposes that "noisy ghosts" are projections of the subconscious mind (specifically repressed anger or sexual tension).
- **Playfair, G. L.** (1980). *This House is Haunted: The True Story of the Enfield Poltergeist*. Stein & Day.
  - Detailed case study of the Enfield event (1977-1979), notable for its auditory phenomena and physical levitations witnessed by police and journalists.

## SECTION 2: THEORETICAL FRAMEWORKS

Mechanisms of action: How mind affects matter (Type V).

- **Radin, D.** (2006). *Entangled Minds: Extrasensory Experiences in a Quantum Reality*. Paraview Pocket Books.
  - Explores the physics of mind-matter interaction (psychokinesis) through the lens of quantum entanglement, providing a theoretical basis for "Spooky Action at a Distance."
- **Persinger, M. A., & Koren, S. A.** (2001). "Predicting Characteristics of Haunt Phenomena from Geomagnetic Factors."
  - The "Tectonic Strain Theory." Suggests that localized electromagnetic fields (generated by seismic stress) can interact with the human temporal lobe to induce hallucinations or physical effects.
- **Houran, J., & Lange, R.** (2001). *Hauntings and Poltergeists: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*. McFarland.
  - A collection of essays covering the psychological, sociological, and physical aspects of the phenomenon, moving beyond the "spirit hypothesis."

## SECTION 3: SKEPTICAL & CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES

Required reading for debunking and fraud detection.

- **Nickell, J.** (2012). *The Science of Ghosts: Searching for Spirits of the Dead*. Prometheus Books.
  - Investigates the physical explanations for hauntings, including infrasound, drafts, settling architecture, and deliberate hoaxing.
- **Tandy, V., & Lawrence, T. R.** (1998). "The Ghost in the Machine." *Journal of the Society for Psychical Research*.
  - The groundbreaking paper identifying 19Hz Infrasound (the "Fear Frequency") as a cause of anxiety, shivering, and optical illusions resembling apparitions.