



APS Bibliography



Poltergeist & Material Interaction

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Rationale: This bibliography covers Recurrent Spontaneous Psychokinesis (RSPK), physical manipulation of matter, and material interaction.

- **Gauld, Alan, and A. D. Cornell.** *Poltergeists*. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1979. ISBN: 9780710001856. <https://www.worldcat.org/oclc/4665732>.
 - A comprehensive scholarly survey of poltergeist cases from the 16th century to the 20th. Offers taxonomy, historical documentation, and methodological critique, making it the closest thing to a canonical academic reference on the subject.
- **Roll, William G.** *The Poltergeist*. New York: New American Library, 1972. ISBN: 9780451141508. <https://www.worldcat.org/oclc/977594>.
 - Roll's influential work introduces the idea of Recurrent Spontaneous Psychokinesis (RSPK) and the "focal agent," reframing poltergeist events as human-centered anomalies rather than external entities. Foundational in parapsychological literature.
- **Houran, James, and Rense Lange, eds.** *Hauntings and Poltergeists: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*. Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 2001. ISBN: 9780786410227. <https://www.worldcat.org/oclc/44502478>.
 - An interdisciplinary academic collection synthesizing psychological, sociological, environmental, and physical explanations for haunt phenomena. Valuable for contrasting naturalistic and anomalistic models within the same volume.
- **Playfair, Guy Lyon.** *This House Is Haunted: The True Story of the Enfield Poltergeist*. London: Souvenir Press, 1980. ISBN: 9780285625293. <https://www.worldcat.org/oclc/7175512>.
 - A detailed case study of the Enfield poltergeist outbreak, documenting phenomena including auditory anomalies and alleged levitation. Though controversial, it remains one of the most cited modern cases in parapsychological discourse.

- **Radin, Dean.** *Entangled Minds: Extrasensory Experiences in a Quantum Reality*. New York: Paraview Pocket Books, 2006. ISBN: 9781416516774. <https://www.worldcat.org/oclc/61116728>.
 - Radin argues that psi phenomena may be compatible with interpretations of quantum mechanics, particularly nonlocality. Although debated, the book attempts to integrate parapsychology into contemporary physics discourse.
- **Price, Harry.** *Poltergeist: Tales of the Supernatural*. London: Bracken Books, 1993. ISBN: 9781858910840. <https://www.amazon.com/Poltergeist-Tales-Supernatural-Harry-Price/dp/1858910846>
 - Price surveys major British poltergeist cases, contextualizing them within broader psychical research. Historically significant for documenting pre–World War II outbreaks and shaping early public interest in physical mediumship and haunt phenomena. Originally published as *Poltergeist Over England: Three Centuries of Mischievous Ghosts* (Country Life, 1945).
- **Tandy, Vic, and Tony R. Lawrence.** “The Ghost in the Machine.” *Journal of the Society for Psychical Research* 62, no. 851 (1998): 360–364. ISSN: 0037-9751. <https://www.worldcat.org/oclc/60620759>.
 - Proposes that exposure to 19 Hz infrasound can trigger anxiety, unusual somatic sensations, and apparitional experiences. Frequently cited as a naturalistic mechanism for “haunted” environments.