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# Spooky Museums

The lights flicker. It's closing time at a museum. Most of the visitors have already left the building. A stuffed grizzly bear towers near an exit sign. You notice its razor-sharp claws and piercing, glass eyes. As you walk, you find its eyes are locked on you. Could it be watching you? That's when you notice a thin stream of **saliva** dripping from its fangs. The lights flicker again and switch off, blanketing the room in darkness. Suddenly, there's a deafening *ROAR!*

Among the 11 spooky museums in this book, you will explore a **shrine** dedicated to black magic, a collection of brains, a gallery haunted by a famous dead artist, and a building that holds the **severed** head of a killer!










# The Devil Doll

## Warrens' Occult Museum, Monroe, Connecticut

This small museum is truly the stuff of nightmares. Among its haunted treasures are children's tombstones and a mirror that can **summon** spirits. The centerpiece of the collection is a wicked doll.



Warrens'  
Occult Museum



Opened in 1952, this museum contains the personal collection of Ed and Lorraine Warren. For decades, the Warrens worked as ghost hunters. During that time, they investigated more than 10,000 spooky cases and collected any creepy items they found. The Warrens housed their collection in the basement of their own home in Connecticut.

One of the Warrens' most prized objects is a grinning doll called Annabelle. The rag doll once belonged to a woman named Donna, who claimed it would move mysteriously around her apartment. It also left creepy handwritten messages, including a note that read, "Help us." One night, the rag doll slowly glided up the leg of one of Donna's friends as he was fast asleep. Then it latched onto his throat and tried to strangle him! Frightened for her life, Donna contacted the Warrens. They were certain that the spirit of a dead girl named Annabelle Higgins **possessed** the doll. The couple took the doll and placed it in their museum.

Visitors to the Warrens' Occult Museum can view Annabelle in a glass box. A sign warns people to absolutely not open the case . . . or else.



*The Warrens and Annabelle, the doll*

