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# Shuttered Horror Hospitals

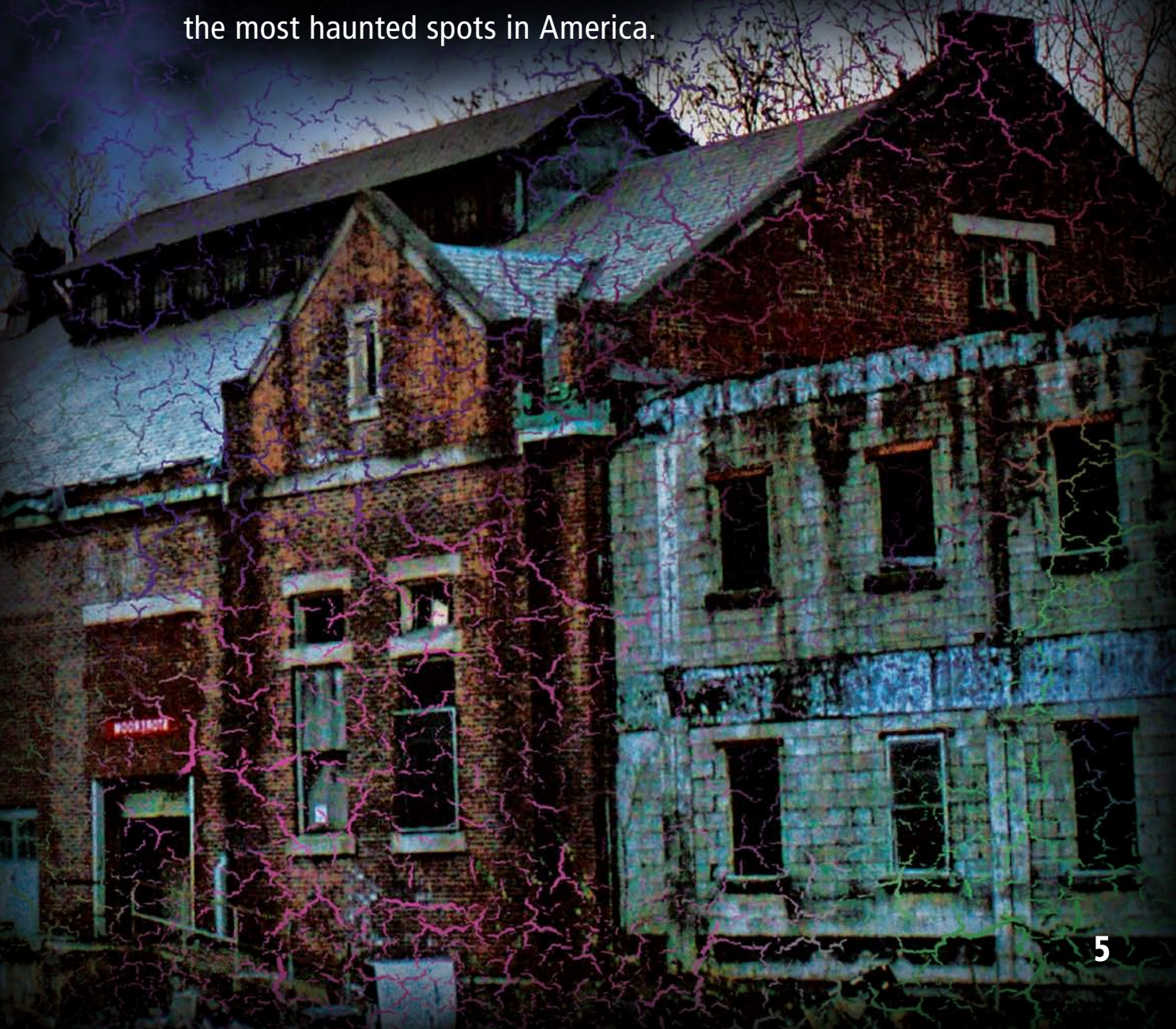
Hospitals are places where sick or injured people go to become well. Doctors and nurses use the most up-to-date treatments to help heal everything from small cuts and bruises to serious illnesses and diseases.

In the past, however, it was very hard for doctors to help their patients. They often didn't have the medicines and tools that were needed to save people's lives. They also didn't always understand what was causing their patients' illnesses. As a result, people in hospitals often didn't get better—and many of them died.

Pennhurst State School and Hospital  
in Spring City, Pennsylvania



While most of the hospitals in this book have all been shut down or abandoned, many say that their sad and sometimes terrifying histories live on. Among these hospitals, you'll discover a huge medical facility abandoned by everyone but the ghosts of long-dead patients, a hospital that is so creepy it is used as a movie set for horror films, and a temporary hospital built on a battlefield that is now considered one of the most haunted spots in America.





# New Hospital, Old Ghost

## Royal Derby Hospital, Derby, England

Hundreds of millions of dollars were spent to build a shiny new hospital in Derby, England. When the hospital was completed in 2009, patients expected to receive the finest medical care. What they didn't expect, however, was a 2,000-year-old ghost.

Royal Derby Hospital






Derby has one of the longest and most haunted histories of all the cities in England. In fact, people report seeing so many ghosts in Derby that it is known as the ghost capital of the country.

The city was originally built on the site of a Roman **fort** that dates back to 80 A.D. The new hospital was constructed over one of the ancient Roman roads that once ran through Derby. Some say that recent work on the hospital disturbed the place where a Roman soldier died thousands of years ago. Does the ghost of that soldier now haunt the hospital's halls?

Several hospital workers claim to have seen a ghostly male figure dressed in a black **cloak**. He darts between rooms and walks through walls. Many say that he is often spotted near the hospital's **morgue**. Employees are so afraid that those in charge are trying to find a way to frighten the ghost away.

A Roman soldier  
dressed for battle



Lionel Fanthorpe, an expert on the **paranormal**, has found 315 reports of ghosts, werewolves, and vampires in Derby since records were first kept.



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Great medical triumphs have taken place at hospitals. Yet are these medical buildings also a great place to go looking for ghosts? According to some, they are. Among the 11 hospitals in this book, you'll discover a huge medical facility abandoned by everyone but the ghosts of long-dead patients, a hospital that is so spooky it was used as a set for horror movies, and a temporary hospital built on a Civil War battlefield that is now considered one of the most haunted spots in America.

**Abandoned Insane Asylums**

**Creepy Castles**

**Cursed Grounds**

**Dark Labyrinths**

**Ghost Towns**

**Haunted Hotels**

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