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# Eileen Sonin tells all about the ghosts she has known

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At some point in your life you've probably had an experience of parapsychology or ESP without even realizing it. These occurrences are more common than you might think, according to Eileen Sonin, well known parapsychologist and author of *Ghosts I have Known* and other books.

Transfusion, where one person transmits his thoughts to another person, happens frequently, she said at a lecture on ESP at Clarkson-Lorne Park Library, last week.

Examples of transfusion are where you say something at exactly the same time as someone else says it, or just after he has thought it.

You may also have just been talking about someone before he telephones or visits you.

Another form of ESP which has happened to most of us is when we visit a place we feel we've been before, and often know ahead of time what's around the corner. We may also feel as though we've lived through an event before.

Mrs. Sonin also related several takes of parapsychology which seemed much more unusual.

Just after she and her husband, well known broadcaster Ray Sonin, were married in England during the war, Mr. Sonin worked as the editor of a newspaper.

One day Mrs. Sonin was overpowered by the feeling that her husband's office was going to be bombed that afternoon. She called him at work and asked him to come home.

## Demolished

She didn't give her reason for wanting him to leave, because he might think she was being foolish. He told her he was getting a lot of work done because he was alone there and refused to come home. Eventually, as a last resort, she burst into tears and he agreed to leave immediately.

Ten minutes after he left, a bomb dropped on the building and demolished it.

On another occasion a woman called Mrs. Sonin and asked how she could stop an air show, because she had dreamed that one of the American pilots would crash and die. Mrs. Sonin told her she probably couldn't stop it but to call and try.

The woman did and the flight crew refused, probably thinking she was crazy. The air show went on, the American pilot crashed and died.

Mrs. Sonin hoped that in the near future parapsychological events such as this will be taken more seriously and warnings, if they are legitimate, will be heeded.

Mrs. Sonin also told a ghost story, which instead of being frightening was amusing.

Before she was married, Mrs. Sonin moved to an old apartment in England. It had one large room which she couldn't furnish and remained unused, although she often heard the running of feet and the noise of children playing, coming from it.

One night she heard loud noises coming from the kitchen and when she went in the cupboards were opening and closing. She shouted, "Stop it you naughty things, stop it." They immediately stopped, said Mrs. Sonin.

From then on they began to play tricks on her.

She decided to paint the room they were in, even though she couldn't furnish it.

In the middle of painting it, she had to leave the room. When she returned, large streaks and swirls of paint were on the wall and there was paint all over the room.

On another occasion they locked her out on a landing where the toilet was, with nothing on. She was forced to go down another way through a lobby and have a locksmith sent up.

She scolded them after that and threatened if they ever did anything like it again she would have them exorcized. She said that she had no trouble with them after that and regretted leaving them when she moved out.

Another encounter she had with a ghost was more frightening. While in England she and her husband stayed at an old hotel that was once a butcher shop.

She disliked the room they gave them immediately, but was talked into staying in it by her husband. During the first night she was awakened and noticed a square of light on the wall.

She woke her husband and they tried to figure out where it came from. They discovered that the window was covered by heavy black drapes and that there was no light outside anyway. No light was coming in the door either.

## No light

Although there was no beam of light when Mr. Sonin put his hand in front of the square it cast a shadow. For each successive night Mrs. Sonin was awakened by the patch of light which grew bigger and bigger.

At the end of the week the Sonins brought their young daughter to stay at the hotel. She had been put to bed, but when Mrs. Sonin looked in on her much later, her daughter was still awake.

When her mother asked her why she was awake she replied that she was waiting for the lady to come out of the closet. She explained that a woman in old fashioned clothes had walked out of the wall where the patch of light had always been, and gone into the closet.

Mrs. Sonin told her daughter it was her imagination and then walked out into the hall. She then felt a pair of hands on her shoulders. Although she could see no one, someone pushed her down the flight of stairs.

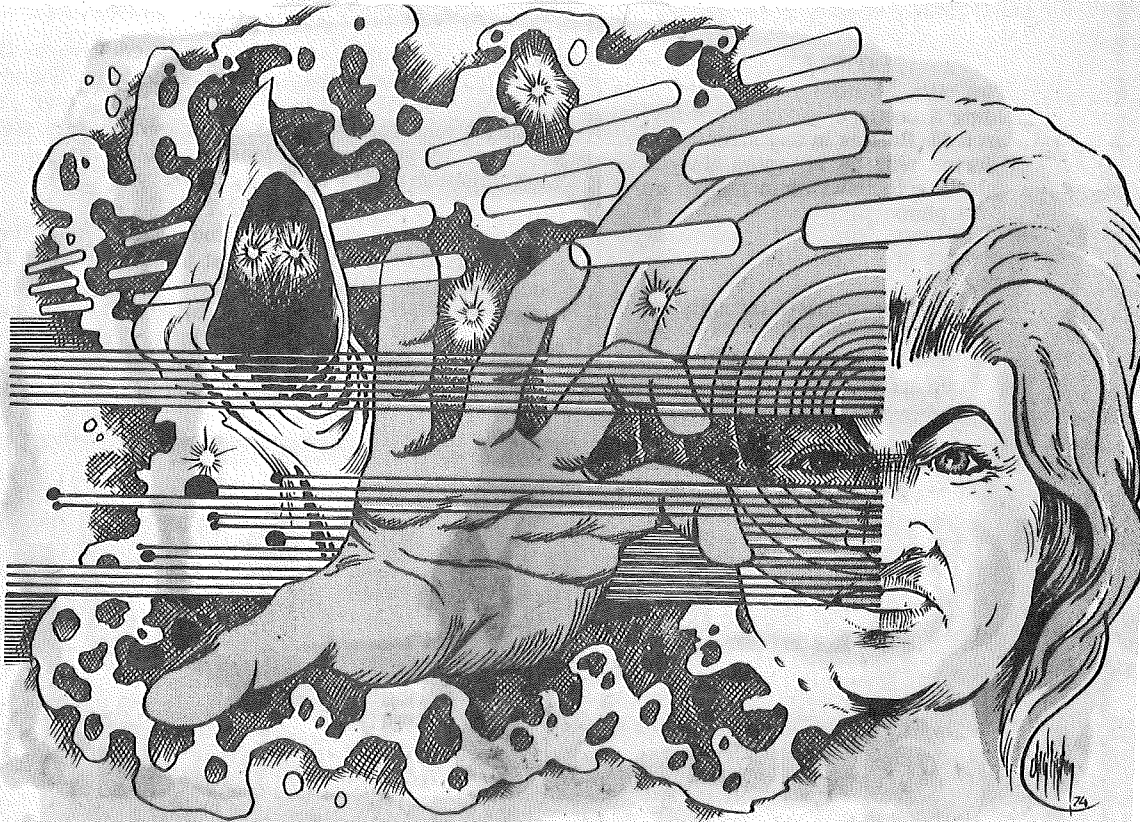
She suffered a badly sprained ankle and was put to bed. A while later she saw a woman in old fashioned clothes come and stand at the foot of her bed and stand there smiling for a while before disappearing.

The Sonins left the hotel the next morning because of the incident, but returned to the area about two years later, and went into a local pub.

## Unfaithful wife

They asked if there were any stories linked to the old hotel. They were told that the butcher, who had once lived there, had a beautiful young wife, whom he found to have been unfaithful to him.

To escape him she ran home to the butcher's shop where they lived with the butcher's mother, and asked her to hide her. The butcher came home and in a rage killed both his wife and mother. Mrs. Sonin believes that the person that pushed her down the stairs and walked out of the wall was the butcher's mother.



**Eileen Sonin has been involved in the exciting world of parapsychology for many years. She has done everything from saving her husband's life through ESP to stopping mischievous ghosts from playing pranks.**