



# The Stanley Hotel

Estes Park, Colorado

## ~The Stanley's History~

The Stanley Hotel was built in 1909 by Freeland O. Stanley. He used his fortune from his company, Stanley Steamer. In 1974, author Stephen King and his wife stayed at the Stanley in order for King to escape a bad case of writer's block. They stayed in room 217, the most haunted room. King woke up in the middle of the night because of a bad dream. After spending some time admiring the Rocky Mountains, he came up with the storyline for *The Shining*. The hotel now promotes their paranormal activity as well as their most haunted room!

## ~The Stanley's Guest Ghouls~

Stanley has been seen roaming around the hotel, especially near the billiards room. His wife Flora has been heard playing the Steinway piano on late nights. Legends say that room 217 houses the ghost of Elizabeth Wilson, a chambermaid. Wilson was killed by an explosion from holding a candle near a leaky gas pipe. People say that she still visits the room to clean it up and sleep between unmarried couples in bed so that they stay apart.

