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To Whom It May Concern:

As the editor of Fortean Times magazine – a journal of strange phenomena that delves into some of history's more obscure byways – it's always a real pleasure to come across someone with a seemingly encyclopaedic knowledge of a subject that most people would consider rather arcane. Finding Bob Murch was one such occasion, and I have to say that he saved the day for us.

We were working on a feature about a case from the 1920s in which a Californian town had been overtaken by what might be termed 'Ouija madness'. We had drawn an almost total blank on finding information on the real history – as opposed to the urban myths and folklore – of the Ouija board. A bit of searching online turned up Bob's fantastic site with its masses of fascinating material and images. Having realised that this was just the kind of thing we needed we got in touch with Bob to ask whether he's be interested in helping with the feature.

He was more than happy to share his knowledge of Ouija boards with us, and our readers, writing an extensive panel for the feature and providing us with some brilliant images and archival material from his collection that we never would have found elsewhere. Thanks to his passion and knowledge for the subject we ended up with a far better article than we could have hoped for.

I'd be glad to have the pleasure of working with Bob again, and would recommend him to anyone else looking for a similar level of expertise and enthusiasm.



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