

Harry Price: Ghost Hunter

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Rafe Soall as Harry Price (Image Credits: ITV/Bentley Productions)

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Harry Price (1881-1948) was one of the big names in the then nascent science of psychical research. In an October 1933 *Daily Express* article he sounded the death knell for spiritualism: “We have nearly knocked the bottom out of it”. In view of the patronage enjoyed to this day by **imbeciles like Sally Morgan**, this can rightly be deemed a classic overstatement.

This made for television highly fictionalised dramatisation covers an earlier period in his life. We see him called in by an MP, a rising star of his party, to investigate the apparent haunting of his wife. Does the honourable member try to explain this away with a little help from a ghost hunter, or have her consigned to a booby hatch? The party hierarchy would rather he did the latter, discreetly, of course. He on the other hand seems intent on saving her from this fate, and makes it clear he is prepared to sacrifice his career for her. Very touching, but are things, and in particular he, all they appear?



Harry Price: Ghost Hunter is a bit slow in places, but there is a creditable attempt at realism, although there is indeed a real ghost herein, one that like the concerned husband is not quite what it appears to be.

If you have an hour and a half to kill, you could do worse than check this out. You might also like to check out [the website](#) of the real Harry Price, which is comprehensive beyond all meaning of the word.

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