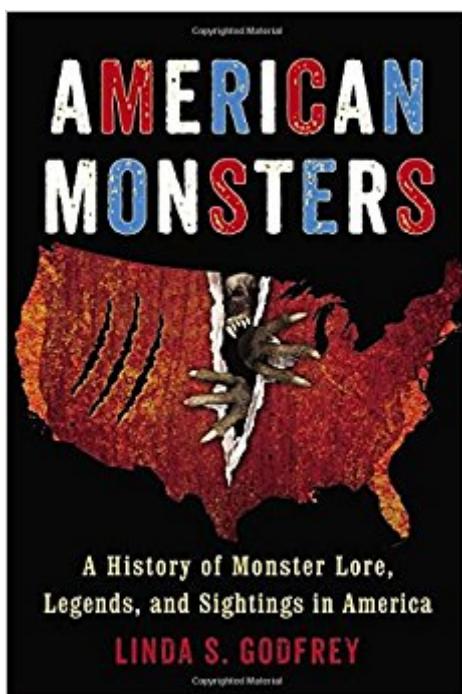


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# American Monsters: A History Of Monster Lore, Legends, And Sightings In America



## Synopsis

From pre-Columbian legends to modern-day eyewitness accounts, this comprehensive guide covers the history, sightings and lore surrounding the most mysterious monsters in America— including Bigfoot, the Jersey Devil, and more. Bigfoot, the chupacabra, and thunderbirds aren't just figments of our overactive imaginations—according to thousands of eyewitnesses, they exist, in every corner of the United States. Throughout America's history, shocked onlookers have seen unbelievable creatures of every stripe—from sea serpents to apelike beings, giant bats to monkeymen—in every region. Author, investigator, and creature expert Linda S. Godfrey brings the same fearless reporting she lent to *Real Wolfmen* to this essential guide, using historical record, present-day news reports, and eyewitness interviews to examine this hidden menagerie of America's homegrown beasts.

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"Godfrey frequently draws from myth and folklore and cites cases from history and pop culture, demonstrating extensive knowledge of her subject matter. The book will prove a handy encyclopedia for enthusiastic cryptozoologists of all ages."—Publishers Weekly Praise for *REAL WOLFMEN*: "Her chilling story of deep woods journeys will fascinate you."—Whitley Strieber's Dreamland "An amazing and well-researched look at werewolves in the US."—Werewolves.com "She has the ability to send chills up and down your

spine. •Brad Steiger, author of *Real Ghosts, Restless Spirits, and Haunted Places* "Real Wolfmen is a riveting work of amazing scope and depth. You'll be hooked from the first page." •Rosemary Ellen Guiley, author of *The Encyclopedia of Vampires and Werewolves* "Godfrey impresses me with the sheer totality of her information. Nothing is left unexplored, if possible." •John R. Ellis, *Fourth Day Universe* "If I was to ask you what two words are most relevant to the phenomenon of werewolves and lycanthropes you might well say 'Full' and 'Moon.' Or, 'Silver' and 'Bullet.' Well, you're definitely on the right track, but I say those two words are 'Linda' and 'Godfrey'! Yep, not only is Linda the most well-known chronicler of all-things wolfman-themed, but she's certainly the most prolific one, too. This new title from Linda is one that I definitely recommend to anyone and everyone who has voraciously devoured Linda's previous studies of the werewolf phenomenon. And if you're a newcomer to the subject, and want to learn what it's really all about, it's just about the most important book you can read on the phenomenon to date. And I don't write words like that lightly." •Nick Redfern, *Mysterious Universe* "By the time you finish *Real Wolfmen: True Encounters in Modern America*, you just might believe." •Jason Carter, *The Writers Journey* "It is hard to believe that such a creature could exist. However, the witness accounts in *Real Wolfmen* are often very compelling. Pick up a copy and see for yourself." •Alejandro Rojas, *Huffington Post*

Linda S. Godfrey is America's foremost authority on modern-day werewolves. She is the author of over a dozen books on werewolves, hauntings, and the paranormal, including *Real Wolfmen: True Encounters in Modern America* and *Weird Michigan*. Godfrey has appeared on many national TV shows such as The History Channel's *Monster Quest*, *Inside Edition*, and *Sean Hannity*, and has been a guest on radio shows such as *Coast to Coast AM*, and *Wisconsin and Michigan Public Radio*.

An enjoyable book if you like this kind of stuff, which I do. My only disappointments are the amount of time dedicated to sightings of so-called sea monsters, and the fact that the book in my view just tries to cover way too much ground. For me, sea serpent tales and stories from "way back when" are just not very intriguing, nor are all the well-intended attempts to categorize the various "monsters". I think it serves to slow down the flow of the book, and that is why I gave it three stars rather than four, or five. However, I admit that is just my personal preference; your mileage may vary. If you like

off-beat, escapist, speculative, semi-spooky fare, as I do, you would most likely dig this book.

I enjoyed this book very much. There are lots of detailed eye witness accounts, and it examines a large range of cryptids. The author doesn't try to sensationalize the subject matter, and she gives a well written and level headed analysis. I like her underlying assumption that strange creatures do exist, and she gives eye witnesses the benefit of the doubt that they \*did\* see and/or experience something out of the ordinary. She then puts the reports in the context of similar reports, and presents background details about the areas where the occurrences took place. I like that she looks at the "phenomenon" of the experiences as a whole, and that they're possibly related in ways we don't yet understand. She is open minded in her ideas of explaining these occurrences, while also remaining well-grounded and professional. This is a very well written, serious, and unsensationalized book about a topic that is, unfortunately, too often marginalized and not taken seriously. My thanks to the author for providing this thoughtful, and entertaining, book! I look forward to reading her other books.

Interesting in sections, but hard to believe in others. The most believable chapters were the early ones that talked of giant bird sightings. I am old enough to remember the sightings of the birds in the 1970's., so that part rings true. The rest not so much. Even in my wildest hallucination, I can't believe dragons or alligator men exist. Werewolves? Pteradons? I don't think so. But then again who knows.

This book could be read by those who might want examples of the little known spiritual realm that exists here on earth. The author has divided the book into three major parts: 1) creatures of the air 2) creatures of the water 3) creatures on land. Linda Godfrey gives many accounts from witnesses on sightings of these creatures. In addition, she gives her own accounts and she seems very credible. There is no question that there are some natural creatures that we have not yet discovered. However, the overwhelming theme of this book is spiritual. The book follows Biblical teachings on spiritual creatures such as Behemoth (Bible: Job 40:15 This book pgs 85-86), Leviathan (Bible:Job 41 This book starting at pg 127), Dagon (Bible:1 Sam 5, This book pg 131), Cockatrice (Bible:Jer 8:17 This book pg 78, 121), Cherubs (Ezek 28, Dan 4, This book pg 284), Serpent (Gen 3, This book pg 213), Devils (Rev 12, This book pgs 85-86), and Horse-leaches(Prov 30, This book pg 141.) The Windigo (This book pgs 253-259) is described in the AV1611 bible but one must have the correct testimony that ends in "she please" in the Song of Solomon 2:7 to

understand this. In conclusion, this is a good book for a collection of real testimonies by seemingly credible witnesses. I would rather not share details of my many sightings/experiences concerning these types of creatures but would rather invite the prospective reader to buy this book and concurrently get a true AV1611 bible (not the 1769 KJV) and ask God to reveal His word to you. Then you will not be confounded by the testimonies contained in Linda's books. Linda references Babylon on page 131, once you understand the identity of the King of Babylon (who also is called Behemoth) this book will take on a deeper meaning.

Very interesting book; factual, lots and lots of actual sightings, and the author is more focused on describing the events, rather than wild, half or unsubstantiated theories. She also does indulge in the supposedly "insightful questions" that almost always leads to the author's pet theories. Something, or rather, some things are being observed that do not fit with our current version of reality. Facts, ma'am, just the facts, and she certainly delivers. Definitely a book I would buy again, well done.

Very good, well put together compendium of American cryptids. Well written with a bit of well placed humor. I enjoyed it and found it very informative. Only draw back is the author seems to have omitted our large black cat flaps that occur every so often in the Midwest. But all in all a great read for when you want something unusual and light.

American Monsters is the perfect monster book! Linda has researched everything from flying and swimming creatures, to some with four legs, or two...those that seem to come in a little too close, and to those we can't quite get close enough. I have read it twice and highlighted the many useful and interesting excerpts. Great book to enjoy, and to study. I always look forward to anything new Linda Godfrey will be releasing.

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