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A Menagerie Of Mysterious Beasts: Encounters With Cryptid Creatures



Synopsis

Draw Back the Curtain and Marvel at the Amazing Collection of Mysterious Beasts Within! Join cryptozoologist Ken Gerhard on an enigmatic journey through the world of mysterious beasts, exploring eyewitness encounters with creatures thought to exist only in myths and legends. This compelling compendium presents a wide variety of astounding and bizarre creatures, from the Minnesota Iceman to the White Bluff Screamer to the Texas T. rex. Discover the fascinating history and modern case studies of ape-men roaming the Americas. Experience captivating, first-hand accounts of dragon, werewolf, and mermaid sightings from Europe to Australia. Featuring sea monsters, colossal insects, enormous eagles, oversized amphibians, and more, *A Menagerie of Mysterious Beasts* is the ultimate resource for cryptid creature enthusiasts. Praise: "In his new book, Ken Gerhard 'the Indiana Jones of monster-hunting' provides us with an absolute smorgasbord of unknown animals." "Nick Redfern, author of *Chupacabra Road Trip* "Ken Gerhard's writings are always replete with original research and hitherto-unpublished reports. *A Menagerie of Mysterious Beasts* is no exception "a monstrously good, thoroughly entertaining, and highly informative read for cryptozoology fans everywhere!" "Dr. Karl P.N. Shuker, author of *A Manifestation of Monsters* "Ken Gerhard deftly blends authentic historical accounts with piles of new eyewitness reports to create a heady, global cocktail of cryptid mysteries." "Linda S. Godfrey, author of *American Monsters* "After reading this menagerie of the damned you will be in no doubt that monsters are real." "Richard Freeman, author of *Dragons* "Ken brings us an excellent read, a combination of his own personal investigations and direct eyewitness testimony. Importantly, the book flows very well as it deals with a variety of cryptids, including more controversial subjects which he is to be credited for not shying away from." "Adam Davies, cryptozoologist and explorer

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Customer Reviews

Ken and I disagree on a lot when it comes to the unexplained in general and unexplained zoology in particular, but everyone with an interest in folkloric beasts is going to love this book, which does a lot of things right. First of all, Ken avoids the common trap in which books about (mostly) American "monsters" are dominated by sasquatch. Second, he edits the eyewitness stories with a light touch. The tales unroll as they were told to him or to others, and Ken saves his scientific comments, most of which I agree with, until he's explored the humans-and-creatures landscape of each beast. Ken means this as a tribute to classic books by Gould, Ley, and others, and he does them honor. He's done some good research, in libraries and in the field: I'm something of a specialist in the Lake Ullamna mystery, but Ken found two accounts I'd never heard of. Zoologists will say that few if any of the creatures in this book will ever be proven real, and I would say most will not: a washtub-sized spider just doesn't work no matter how scary-cool it would be, and no one is going to find a shapeshifter or a live pterodactyl for the simple reason that there aren't any. Even if no creature in this book ever enters a scientific journal, though, Ken reminds us here that the American affection for monsters is alive and well. This well-written critter collection will earn its place on every cryptozoologist's bookshelf. Matt Bille, author, *Shadows of Existence: Discoveries and Speculations in Zoology* (Hancock, 2006).[...]

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