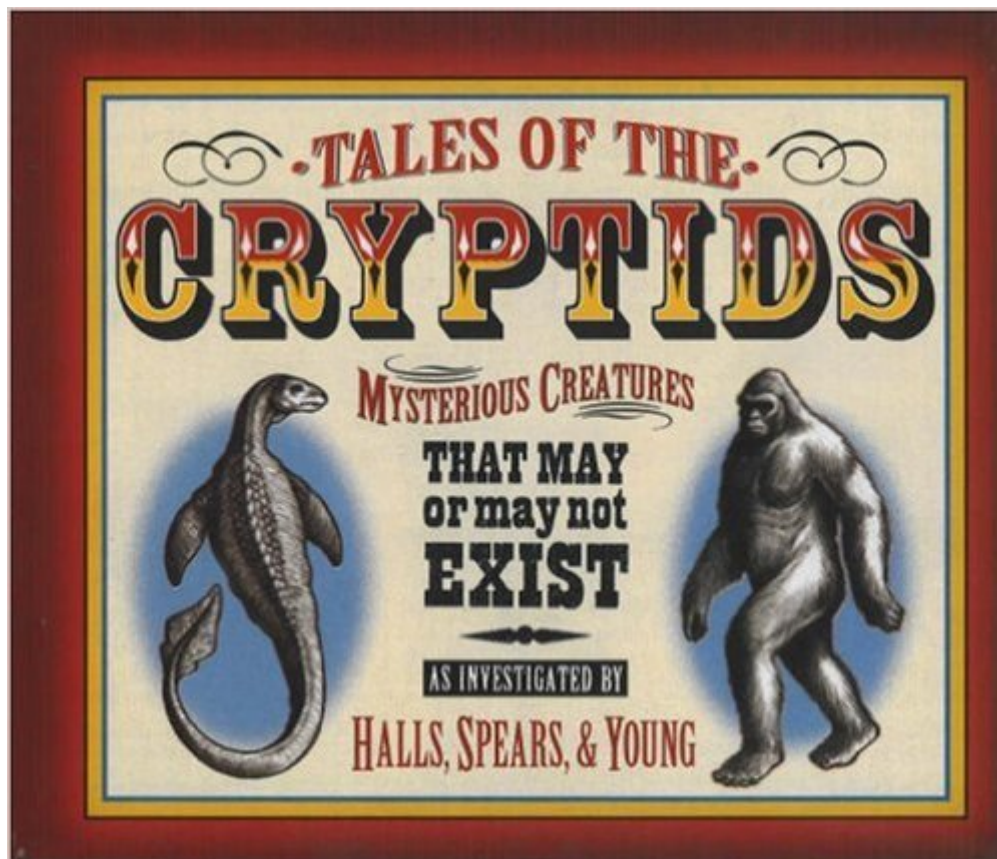


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# Tales Of The Cryptids: Mysterious Creatures That May Or May Not Exist (Darby Creek Publishing)



## Synopsis

Everyone loves the stories of legendary creatures that just might really exist. This book relies on the latest information from cryptozoologists, experts who study these mysterious beings, and the counter-arguments are explored from experts who strongly believe they do not exist.

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## Customer Reviews

I am always on the prowl for books that will excite my eight-year-old sons, particularly if they don't have to do with underpants or wizards. With apologies to Dav Pilkey and J.K. Rowling, both of whom write fantastic books, I need a little variety. And so I was ecstatic to find TALES OF THE CRYPTIDS on the new non-fiction shelf in the library children's room. So ecstatic, in fact, that I kept the book hidden in my office until I had a chance to sit down and read it myself. It is fabulous, fabulous, fabulous (that's one for each of the book's three co-creators). This meaty middle-grade non-fiction title takes readers on an adventure in cryptozoology. "Crypto-What?" asks the opening chapter title. Cryptozoology, "the study of and searching for legendary animals--called cryptids--to find out if there's any possibility that these mysterious animals people say they've seen really exist." From Bigfoot to the Loch Ness Monster to prehistoric cryptids you may never have heard of, this book tells readers what is true, what is not, and what scientists just can't be sure about. In addition to being plain interesting, the book is designed well and is illustrated with a nice blend of photographs

and drawings. The authors include a "Reality Index" to help readers tease hoaxes from reality as well as a thorough bibliography of books, articles and web sites for readers who want to continue their cryptid studies. I love that the authors had the courage to turn an objective eye to a fabulously interesting topic that happens to be fraught with doubt and disbelief. The result is a book that helps young readers to realize that all scientific investigation, cryptozoology included, requires a careful balance of skepticism and open-mindedness.

This book is a gem for anyone interested in cryptozoology. And what kid isn't fascinated by tales of Sasquatch and the Loch Ness Monster and other such creatures that are shrouded in mystery and legend? In TALES OF THE CRYPTIDS, Halls, Spears and Young have done a fine job of presenting the stories of various cryptids. A fun read!

Featuring a wide variety of creatures real and seemingly unreal, from the fascinating to the frightening, "Tales of the Cryptids" is a book any kid (even the old ones) with curiosity and a vivid imagination will enjoy. Authors Kelly Milner Halls, Rick Spears and Roxyanne Young delve into the myths, the legends, the hoaxes, and the folk tales, as well as the scientific research, that make these mysteries fascinating. With a fine array of photographs, maps and drawings and lively text, the book is a page-turner from start to end. "Tales of the Cryptids" is thought-provoking, and should prove to be a great stimulus to discussion and conversation, whether you're a believer in cryptids or not.

Tales of the Cryptids has all the elements that children find irresistible: intriguing jacket design; vivid illustrations--some downright creepy; and lively, engaging text. The book poses questions that will keep kids reading to find the answers. . . "Why haven't we ever found a Bigfoot body?" It's chock full of weird stuff--a sure kid pleaser!

This book gives a quick overview of different mystery creatures and relates some brief experiences and eye-witness accounts. If you enjoy watching MonsterQuest, you will love this book. This non-fiction book truly sparks the imagination and taps the natural curiosity of the child in all of us. I especially like the rating system which gives each creature a score based on evidence, eye-witness accounts, historical data, etc. The authors give accounts of hoaxes as well. Though not necessarily a children's book, it is easy to read and filled with photos, drawings and other illustrations. I recommend this title for children 8 and up. I know I was fascinated and I will be adding this book to

my elementary school library.

I gave this book as a birthday present to my 10-year-old niece, and she LOVED it. She's now frequently quoting facts about bigfoot ("Did you know that's another name for sasquatch??") and the Loch Ness Monster ("That's a sauropod dinosaur!") and other cryptids she's learning about in this book. What really shocked me was when I heard her explaining to others what a cryptid was. A great birthday gift for a child who is curious about undiscovered animals and the mysteries surrounding them.

I bought this for part of my Grandson's Christmas present age 8, he loved it and had to tell me all about the different cryptids there are, it made it easy for him to read and understand and very enjoyable.

With the recent popularity of Bigfoot, River Monsters, etc.. my nephews, much as I did at their age, have really become interested in such topics. I ordered this for them and they love it. It is perfect for the nine year old to read, and has plenty of pictures and illustrations for the five year old as well. As an avid Crypto fan myself, I was impressed with the amount of content and the open ended way the content was displayed. I highly recommend it for any children 7-12 years old.

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