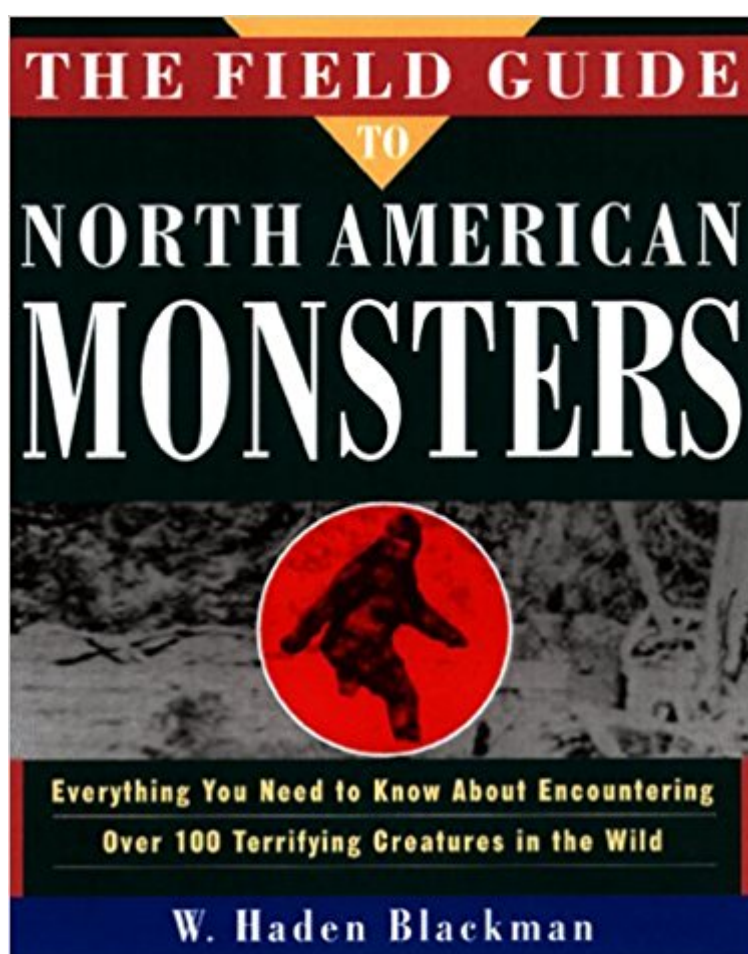


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Customer Reviews

W. Haden Blackman preys on our more eccentric curiosities with his fact-filled Field Guide to North American Monsters. Even the monster-shy will find it hard not to smile when they read sidebars such as "What does bigfoot eat?" (Everything from acorns and honey to tadpoles and salmon.) Seriously and exhaustively researched, this guide covers more than 100 monsters in the following categories: hairy humanoids, lake monsters and sea serpents, flying monsters, dwarves and giants, cryptid animals (animals heretofore unknown to science), beastmen and beastwomen ("humanoids" with numerous animalistic features), supernatural monsters, and the not readily classifiable enigmatic entities such as the bogeymen, phantom felines, and the infamous Mad Gasser of Mattoon. Gleaned from Native American legends, American folklore, and modern sightings, this is the first-ever collection cataloging the vast expanse of bizarre creatures inhabiting North America. Laid out like a field guide to birds or mammals, the book helps the reader become familiar with each monster through photos (when available), drawings, and each creature's vital statistics: distinguishing features, range and habitat, diet, the source reporting the monster, and a rating of the likelihood of spotting each creature in the wild. An avid monsterologist, the author offers useful suggestions for pursuing this rare field of study, including advice for how to behave during a monster encounter and a thorough sample questionnaire to use when interviewing monster

eyewitnesses. --Kathryn True

I first received this book as a christmas gift from my father when I was 10 years old. I am now 24 and had to purchase a newer one from since my original was literally falling apart! I keep finding myself going back to reread this book again and again. First off it is not a 100% scientific overview of monsters, but more a broad, fun somewhat tongue in cheek overview of each. If you are a serious scientific cryptozoologist this probably isn't the book for you. For the everyday reader however this book covers a large range of monsters from Sasquatch to sea serpents, to closet dwelling boogeymen and the New Jersey Devil. Lots of native american legends such as thunderbirds or deer women and obscure monsters such as the grinning man or the "Mad Gasser of Mattoon"! Many of these legends I had never heard of before reading this such as the Inuit ghost of Ahkiyyini or the liver eating ghoul, Baykok. Also lots of cryptid animals like the Jackalope and squonk or the dreaded brain eating earwig! Its set up like a field manual detailing each beasts background, behavior, diet etc on a chart before each article so the reader knows what to expect should they happen across it. All in all a great book and a fantastic reference, I've been introduced to many obscure legends and cryptids I never would have known about had I never read this. This is also my go to book for telling creepy stories around a campfire. A great introduction to monsters with a fun light attitude, any monster loving kid or adult should find something in it to make it worth they're time! If you are interested in urban legends, folklore, cryptozoology or just want some good spooky yarns to tell at your next bonfire you cant go wrong with this book! Also worth checking out is the "The Field Guide to North American Hauntings: Everything You Need to Know About Encountering Over 100 Ghosts, Phantoms, and Spectral Entities" by the same author, just as great as this one but with the entire focus and ghosts and haunted locations! I've read several other "monster" guidebooks but none have had as many different subjects or details as this, nor were they nearly as enjoyable to read. I cant overstate how much enjoyment this book has given me through my life. Cant wait to share it with kids of my own some day.

Monsters in North America is a rather good read that is both fascinating and very interesting. It's not the greatest book on American Monsters but it is a fun read none the less.

Much of the criticism surrounding this book centers on the fact that it is not "serious." One only has to look at the cover to realize that this is a tongue-in-cheek look at various monster legends in the U.S. In many ways, the book is a parody of other field guides - only this one is a field guide about

monsters. I suspect that some other readers were offended because one interpretation of the book's intent is that it is poking fun at those on the fringes of cryptozoology. I found the book to be entertaining. The book contains a mixture of information that some cryptologists would consider factual along with the author's own embellishments. It covers most of the monster legends in the U.S. and there were quite a few of them that I was unaware of. There are many illustrations. Some of them were well done although a few looked like a grade school kid drew them. The book has an abridged bibliography and a glossary although there is no index. It also lists each state in the U.S. and describes which monsters are reported to live there. If you enjoy reading about American folklore and urban legends then you will probably enjoy this book. If you spend your nights roaming around with a flashlight looking for Chupacabra then this book will probably annoy you.

I didn't enjoy this as much as similarly themed books but it was still worth a look.

Fun to read.

Not enough pictures detail. Other than that it's an awesome book, a great read, he learned a lot from this book.

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