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The ultimate quest for the world's most mysterious creatures.

The Loch Ness Monster, Bigfoot, the Abominable Snowman -- these are the names of the elusive beasts that have caught the eye and captured the imaginations of people around the world for centuries. Recently, tales of these "monsters" have been corroborated by an increase in sightings, and out of these legends a new science has been born: cryptozoology -- the study of hidden animals.

*Cryptozoology A to Z*, the first encyclopedia of its kind, contains nearly two hundred entries, including cryptids (the name given to these unusual beasts), new animal finds, and the explorers and scientists who search for them. Loren Coleman, one of the world's leading cryptozoologists, teams up with Jerome Clark, editor and author of several encyclopedias, to provide these definitive descriptions and many never-before-published drawings and photographs from eyewitnesses' detailed accounts. Full of insights into the methods of these scientists, exciting tales of discovery, and the history and evolution of this field, *Cryptozoology A to Z* is the most complete reference ever of the newest zoological science.

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## **From Reader Review *Cryptozoology A to Z: The Encyclopedia of Loch Monsters, Sasquatch, Chupacabras & Other Authentic Mysteries of Nature* for online ebook**

### **Brian says**

The ultimate in bathroom reading!

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### **Christian says**

Enjoyable book if you want to know about cryptozoology and cryptids. Quite wide ranging and covers a lot, but in a linear and straightforward fashion. Perhaps not designed to be read quickly despite its size, it is still definitely worth a read.

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### **Dan Gallagher says**

This resource is a great help to fiction writers like me (see AuthorDan dot com) and to serious investigators alike. However, its flaw is that it is incomplete by several species and offers information on merely rumored animals that are not serious possibilities or even notable myths. Four of five stars, but it is an essential book for reference due to so few 'checklist' style books existing. It's also a tad out of date, so that's opportunity for researchers to step into that gap & meet demand!

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### **April says**

THIS BOOK IS AMAZING. Very interesting (especially to me, because I love this kind of stuff, but I'm sure other people would love it too).

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### **Quicksilver Quill says**

A fun and imaginative read about unknown or hidden animals. The encyclopedic format worked well although at times it became slightly tedious to encounter the many entries on various obscure cryptozoologists. I felt that maybe having entries on a few of the better-known cryptozoologists would have been an improvement, and then devoting the extra space to expanding the articles on the animals; here and there an article felt like it could use a little more love.

All in all, it was enjoyable, but if pressed, I would recommend Clark's larger and more comprehensive volume *Unexplained!* that includes cryptozoology and examines various other anomalous phenomena as well.

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## **Seizure Romero says**

A fun book with a decent appendix for those interested in further research. I'm a little miffed they left out Mothman, though. C'mon, don't you agree that a red-eyed winged omen of Doom deserves a little respect? I guess Colman was holding out for his later title *Mothman and Other Curious Encounters*.

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## **Samantha Nowatzke says**

Bought a copy at the Cryptozoology Museum in Portland, ME. Fun read for those interested in cryptozoology ie BigFoot, Yetis, Sea Monsters, etc. Book covers not only animals whose existence cannot be confirmed but also those animals once thought to be myths & legends or unknown that have been officially documented. Was a big fan of the "Monster of the Week" episodes of shows like the X-Files so fun to recall those creatures featured in those episodes too (Chupacabras & Jersey Devil being two of my favs).

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## **Ray Quirolgico says**

A comprehensive survey of cryptozoology: an interesting blend of science and myth, presented in an unbiased and truthful way - folklore is presented with a balance of respect and skepticism, and science is presented with a combination of history and hope.

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## **Sy Snootles says**

Fun enough, but read altogether it gets repetitive. At least 10 different regional types of Bigfoot are discussed, despite there being little difference in their description. Ditto with lake monsters. The authors also interspersed the interesting bits with biographical entries on their friends. If you take a drink every time they mention Bernard Heuvelmans you'll be dead by page 50. It is also criminally under-illustrated. This could've been better executed, & I'm sure there are newer books on this subject that have improved upon this encyclopedic style.

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## **Chad Guarino says**

Woefully out of date by this point, but I could accept that if not for some other factors dragging it down, such as endless regional entries on Sasquatch/Sea Monsters that could have been put together under one banner entry and entries on countless Bigfoot researchers that become monotonous (the author gives himself a nearly two page entry as well.)

Bigfoot himself is presented in this in almost reverential tones. Clearly the authors are massive believers.

No entry on Mothman either.

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## John Orman says

Sasquatch and Chupacabras--they are in here!

Much is made here of the Patterson film of 1967, in which a Bigfoot was purportedly filmed at Bluff Creek, CA.

I learned of a Bigfoot display at Washington State University in Pullman, WA. In Willow Creek, CA, there is a carved Bigfoot, and the Museum of Bigfoot. I was only 20 miles west of there when I stayed in Arcata during my Redwood tour. This book also noted the Legend of Bigfoot museum in Garberville--wish I would have gone south of Eureka to see this on my Redwood tour last year.

There is even an online-only museum of the Unnatural at [unmuseum.mus.pa.us/lostw.htm](http://unmuseum.mus.pa.us/lostw.htm)

Also, there is the Virtual Institute of Cryptozoology at <http://cryptozoo.pagesperso-orange.fr....>

And Donald Trull has an excellent website at [parascope.com/index.htm](http://parascope.com/index.htm)

Crypto On!

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## Rory says

Most people shy away from things like the Loch Ness monster and chupacabras out of fear of being branded some sort of conspiracy-theory-type lunatic, but I find Cryptozoology to be a fun little hobby.

It doesn't just involve all sorts of creatures that have only been seen on grainy home video. Some creatures, like the coelacanth, a prehistoric fish long thought to be extinct, that popped up off the coast of Indonesia, or the giant squid, which was finally found off the coast of Japan recently, but had been rumored for years as the infamous craken.

My personal favorite is the Beast of Gevaudan, a beast that ravaged the French countryside, killing women and children. This one is particularly interesting, as eventually a martial arts film, Brotherhood of the Wolf, was based off the legend.

This is a handy little A to Z for anyone interested in the subject, a quick reference to at least have an overview of the major sightings and pivotal figures in the field.

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## Tim says

I like that this included animals that started as rumor but actually exist (like the coelacanth) in addition to more fantastic things like the Mokele-mbembe or Nessie. I do wish that there was less page space dedicated to cryptozoologists and more dedicated to the actual animals.

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## Jasmine says

so this is a book for people who haven't met Occam. I mean lets be real some people see a panther in england for a while, clearly this is an unidentified species not a panther that escaped from a zoo...

there is a yeti, since he lives in such a remote area this may be true, there are like a hundred yetis in different locations... this is true for all of them...

it looks like an orangutan but has less hair. clearly this is a new species not just a sick orangutan...

not to mention the hundreds of apparent lake and sea monsters...

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### **Jackie says**

2.5 stars (did not finish). I give. After having this book checked out from the library for months, I surrender. While I'm still very much interested in folklore and cryptozoology, do you know how difficult/boring it is to read an encyclopedia?

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