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Werewolves (Mysteries, Legends, And Unexplained Phenomena)



Synopsis

Are werewolves real? When the moon is full, do ordinary people under a supernatural curse transform into snarling creatures charging out of the fog, only to revert to human form? Throughout history, people have claimed to have seen weird beings that are part human and part wolf, dog, fox, or even cat. Modern-day eyewitnesses across the United States report strange encounters with dogmen and wolf-like creatures. And while theories abound to explain the stories, the only certain thing is that popular interest in the mystery of werewolves remains strong. *Werewolves* examines the lore and legends of lycanthropy throughout history and from around the world, describing the many types of werewolves and case studies, and offering readers information they need to conduct their own field investigation. Chapters include: -The Mystery of Werewolf History -Will the Real Werewolf Please Stand Up? -Did You See What I Saw? Hoax and Illusion -Celebrity Were-Mania: Howling with the Stars -Your Field Guide to Werewolves.

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Customer Reviews

I was expecting more interesting stories, but got more fables and history. I love to listen to Linda

Godfrey on YouTube, but not thrilled with this book

I love Linda Godfrey's research and eyewitness accounts. The book really makes you wonder what is being seen and what is really out there.

It's been long since I've picked up a book with so many distractions. but when I began reading this book I couldn't put it down. Highly recommend it.

this book is a fun read has stories that is rooted in native american, japanese and other cultures at times this book can be silly but of course thats what this legend is its very silly to think a creature that walks on two legs all the werewolf is is a trick of the mind but anyways this is a great book.

All in all I must say that the appearance of the book as well as the foreword made me sceptical about it's quality. But it exceeded my expectations by far and made me curious for her other books. Not that it is all enlightening or something, I guess I am a bit too advanced in the topic of werewolves for that, but it definitely is an acceptable book. I am not sure whether it would be good a book as an introduction to the topic of werewolves, since there are certain flaws in it which I will talk about in a minute, but it is readable and reveals some insights. In addition it had certain information I didn't had until them and Godfreys cryptozoological take on the topic was refreshing and it gives the reader some insights on how the topic might be received by people today. Sadly the fact that Godfrey covers such a wide range of possibilities and is clearly more than sceptical of such "answers" as excessive hair growth or feral children it is strange and kinda dissappointing that she did not draw connections to other topics. Godfrey states the theory of the Cheyenne Dog-soldiers as a possible origin for the "Werewolves" like the Beast of Bray Road and while clearly being aware of the descriptions of these beings she neither draws a connection to the Cynocephali, which were reported all over the Old World, as well as Australia, and certain South and Middle American depictions show such beings as well, nor with the figure of Coyote who was often reported as a shapeshifter. In addition she doesn't offer an explanation why these sighted beings are werewolves in her eyes since they neither look like wolves but cynocephali and there is no evidence for them shapeshifting. In addition her claim of the form of choice for shapeshifters to be predators is wrong since the range of people turning into animals is much bigger. All in all the book is recommendable if you want to look at the topic of werewolves from a new angle, but I advise anybody to be critical about it.

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