

Encyclopedia of Legendary Creatures

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Tom McGowen : Encyclopedia of Legendary Creatures before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Encyclopedia of Legendary Creatures:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An old favoriteBy ScrawnyPunkThis is a book my mom bought for me when I was an early pre-teen. Not sure why - maybe to keep me afraid of the dark when I was started grow out of it? Whatever the reason, this book burrowed in and took residence in my psyche. Long since misplaced, I continued to think of some of the illustrations as archetypes for various bugaboos - zombies, vampires, brownies, and the like. And I still don't like to see enormous black dogs when walking around London at night.And then...and then...and then I saw it again: a wonderful write-up on the kitschy detail and watercolors meant to frighten children of multiple generations. It seemed there were a number of 40-year-olds (like myself) who remembered this book with eerie fondness and were looking to pass their joy and phobia on to their own offspring. And then...and then...with a new confirmation of the author's name and his book, I was able to locate this on and purchase an old copy.Result? My 8-year-old read it in a sitting. And then had to sleep with the lights on. Mission accomplished!Wonderful book, wonderful illustration, wonderful memories. I hope you and yours enjoy this as much as I and mine.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. childhood curiosity and fear returned!By JNO-LVXso many fear from my childhood revisited!!! Loving this book again. Interesting to also see how some of the creature lore has changed over the past couple of decades as well. Illustrations still spooky as ever. Would say they are very astrally and etherically inspired.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Stories are the same, but the book was not...By L.H.Owned this book as a child and loved it. Due to a home fire it was lost so I was happy to find it here even though it is out of print. My girls find it entertaining.

The reason for only three stars is that while it is exactly as I remembered, most of the pages were stuck together at the gutter (inner center between pages), and the threading holding the pages together are also visible in the gutter, and very delicate looking.

Presents, in encyclopedia format, monsters and supernatural beings from Abominable Snowman to Zombi.