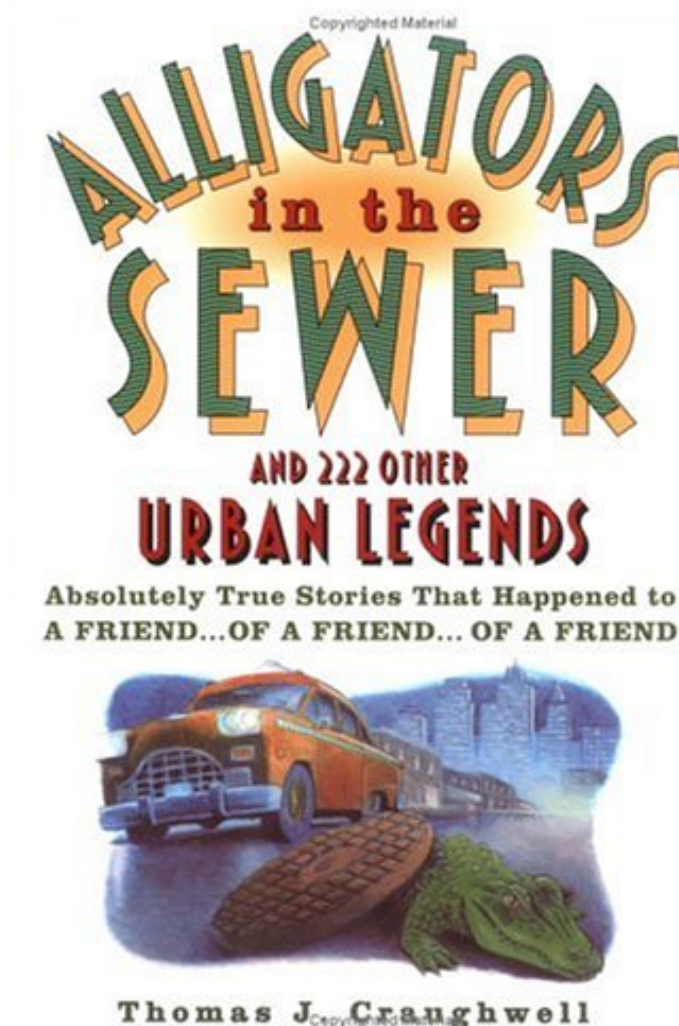


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lot of urban legends, some I have heard before, and some I have not. It is easy to read and the stories are short, about a page each. The thing that I think was the "neatest" was in the back of the book, there are some blank pages to write your own urban legends, which I thought was good, because I have heard some that are not in this book, and some I have heard differently than what this book tells, like the Jersey Devil. Anywhoo!! Easy to read, short, cute stories that leave you wondering if they're based on true stories or not!! =)0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fast and Easy Read About Many Urban LegendsBy SaraI teased my mother after she bought this book at a used bookstore. I saw the title and thought it was probably some cheesy mess of mindless superstition. Then I borrowed it and read it in a matter of hours. I just couldn't put it down. I was amazed at how many of the stories in the book I had heard before, almost always presented as 100% fact. Such as, "I have a friend of a friend who went to surprise her husband at a party thinking he would be dressed like Zorro..." or "Don't go down to Lovers Lane-- there's an escaped mental patient who waits for young, vulnerable couples." Even more surprising to me was that one of the urban legends had been passed off as fact by the administrators when I was in high school. The rumor had gotten started that gang members were putting AIDS tainted needles in theater seats and pay phone coin slots and my high school's administration sent out a memo to the teachers (I kid you not) to never stick their fingers into a coin slot no matter how badly they needed the change and to be very cautious when selecting a theater seat. Maybe there is some bit of truth that urban legends like that one are based on but I think so often each person who tells the legend embellishes a little more until finally, the finished product is totally wacky.I liked that this book works at dispelling belief in these legends rather than glamorizing them or giving some drawn out backstory on how they came about. If you are looking for something from the historical perspective, this is not the book for you. If instead you are looking for a book that delivers quick information in an entertaining way, this *is* the urban legends book for you.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A light, fun book for those who love urban legends.By Diane MooreI finished this book today and most of the time, i couldn't put it down. Unlike the bigger, bulkier books with lots of history behind them, this one gets right to the point. I do like the ones with the history, and even though this book provides some information like different variations or when the story started, sometimes I wanted more.There are a ton of legends in here though--and its very easy to read--its like hearing a good joke and you can't wait for the punchline. Even though some of them scared me--the poodle in the microwave (i can never read that one without cringing) and Bloody Mary (I still can't look into a mirror around midnight--cause then i will think of this story---you dont even have to do it at midnight, but for some reason, i always connect it to that!!)Plus, there are fun ones, like the college ones I enjoyed since i just graduated--i also loved hearing how elvis is alive and paul is dead.Quick and easy read... a "no nonsense" urban legends book! :)

Urban Legend (ur/ben lej/end) n. a fictional story, circulated by word-of-mouth, that is perpetuated by the continual assertion of truth. All the rumors that have passed through office e-mail networks, the fantastic stories that have "happened to a friend" and the horrifying tales told around campfires are gathered here for the first time in one fascinating, unbelievable collection. Organized by subject, chapters include: Naked at His Own Surprise Party and Other Sexual Escapades, The Stolen Kidney and Other Medical Disasters, The Gulf War Computer Virus and Other High Tech Scares, Roswells's Area 51 and Other Extraterrestrial Encounters, Elvis's Motorcycle and Other Celebrity Rumors, and many more. Each story runs one-to-two-pages long. Many of the stories have been told with a different twist--variations are included at the end of each tale.

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