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In Search Of Sasquatch



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Synopsis

What is Sasquatch? Thousands of people believe in it. Hundreds say they have seen it. But themystery of Sasquatch has not been solved . . .Sasquatch, also known as Bigfoot, is a cryptidÃ¢â ¬â •a creature of cryptozoology. Cryptozoology is the study of creatures not recognized by traditional science, and it is the quest to understand things that cannot be proven via ordinary channels. Kelly Milner Halls interviews cryptozoologists, linguistics experts, anthropologists, biologists, and regular people like us who have seen, heard, or maybe stumbled across evidence leading them to believe that Sasquatch is real. Serious Sasquatch seekers are as skeptical as unbelievers. They are not out to collect great stories. They are out to put together facts. The difference is, they are willing to keep an open mind. Do you believe in Sasquatch?

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In this impressive one-stop shop for Sasquatch enthusiasts, Halls has assembled a record of the apelike cryptid in the lore of Native Peoples, a history of major missions to find a specimen, the best existing pieces of evidence, and the various ways to embark upon an expedition as well as how new technology is advancing the methods of determined diehards. Halls hits the big points (like the famous Patterson-Gimlin footage) but does not leave out double-take-worthy, lesser-known stories, such as when actor Jimmy Stewart smuggled a mummified Yeti finger out of Tibet by hiding it in his wifeÃ¢â ¬â„¢s underwear. (Yes, the finger was eventually lostÃ¢â ¬â •sadly, a common occurrence in the field of cryptozoology.) The layout is filled with historical shots; artistsÃ¢â ¬â„¢ renderings; footprint casts; maps showing state-by-state sightings (Washington leads, with 487);

and bizarro sidebarsÃ¢â ¬â •believe it or not, some Sasquatch hunters set their adventures to music. It can all get a bit starry-eyed, but the rigors of scientific analysis and skepticism prevail. Suggested readings, source notes, and a glossary fill out the back matter. Grades 5-8. --Daniel Kraus

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I've never really thought that Bigfoot, or Sasquatch as it's sometimes called, is anything more than a myth fueled by a series of clever (or not-so-clever) hoaxes. And so I was more than a little skeptical when I began reading Kelly Milner Halls' latest book, In Search of Sasquatch (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2011). I knew Halls to be a terrifically talented and prolific writer of nonfiction books for young people (Saving the Baghdad Zoo, Mysteries of the Mummy Kids, and Tales of the Cryptids are some of her better-known books)--but Sasquatch? Really?Leave it to Halls to make you think just a little differently about your worldview. After reading In Search of Sasquatch, I can't say that I'm packing to go on a Sasquatch search expedition, but I'm willing to entertain the notion that it may very well exist.The many people Halls has interviewed for the book include an anthropologist, a linguistic expert, a biologist, and several people who claim to have sighted Sasquatch. While acknowledging that Sasquatch hoaxes abound, she bolsters her argument for the possible existence the mysterious creature by example: for centuries, paleontologists believed that the coelacanth was a long-extinct prehistoric fish--until a living coelacanth was discovered in 1938. Similarly, the giant squid was a thing of Greek legend--until it was discovered in 2004.Her text is accompanied by gorgeous illustrations, additional resources, a glossary, and an extensive bibliography and source notes. Kids who are drawn to the weird and wonderful will love this book. So will adults.

We were so excited to get this book in the mail. This author is one of my son's favorites! I am happy to say the book did not disappoint. The book grabbed our attention from the very first page which contained quotes about Sasquatch "The creature was not trying to hurt me in any way. I believe it was just curious about me, wondering what I was."It was fascinating to read about the history of Sasquatch in various cultures. The book also contains excellent photos, drawings and even a sightings map. If you are interested in Sasquatch or cryptids you'll love this book. My nine year old son says "It's the best!" :)

I bought the book for my grandson who is a bigfoot BELIEVER. I looked at it before wrapping it for Christmas and had to show it to my husband. It had more information than I thought a child's book would have and it even had a list of what several Indian tribes have named the creature. Wonderful!

It was agood book with lots of good information I enjoyed very much . I higly recomend this book to all who want to learn of bigfoot

My 10 year old son loved this book. Kept his attention and interest. Made him go out and look for Bigfoot.

Bought this for my son who is fascinated by Bigfoot. Not really my thing though. I will say that my seven-year-old is so pleased with it that he has to hide it from himself (very scary).

When I was a kid, one of my favorite books wasÃ Â Bigfoot: Man, Monster, or Myth?Ã Â by Carrie Carmichael (Raintree, 1977). I've always been an animal lover, and I loved the possibility that there was one (or more?) out there clever enough to remain a mystery to us. I lived in rural northern Wisconsin and spent a lot of time in the woods, but, sadly, never saw any Sasquatch signs.When my son told me he thought it'd be cool to be a cryptozoologist (nice!), I knew I had to get him this book. It didn't disappoint. He's read it several times cover to cover, and I'm loving the facts and critical thinking skills he's demonstrating as a result.My first thought when I opened the book was how beautiful it is. The full-bleed forest spread with the quotes overlaying the trees pulls you right into the world of the sasquatch from the very first page turn (and the final one, as well). The beauty continues with beautiful photography, elegant illustrations, and well-done layout and design throughout.Halls combines various myths and legends with expert opinions and eyewitness accounts to weave a cleverly crafted and compelling case for the existence of sasquatch. She doesn't come right out and tell us that it does or doesn't exist, though. In the end, it's up to the reader to decide if they've been convinced or not.This is a great book to hand to any kid with an interest in cryptids or other mysteries, and animal lovers and budding young scientists will also enjoy it.FUN FACT: "According to experts at the Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization (BFRO), credible witnesses have reported seeing Sasquatch in every state in the United States of America except Hawaii, as well as most Canadian provinces."There is a dedication, table of contents, additional resources, photo and illustration credits, bibliography and source notes, glossary, and

index.SIDE NOTE: When asked her opinion of the book, my daughter answered, "I LOVED how she crammed so many facts into this book, yet still kept it completely interesting!" My answer: "Ahem. `YET STILL?' Have I told you what I do? I am a nonfiction author, and FACTS ARE INTERESTING!" I have failed as a parent.

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