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Everything Tall Tales Legends & Other Outrageous Lies (Everything (Reference))



Synopsis

Everyone has heard a story too outrageous to be true. The Everything Tall Tales, Legends, and Other Outrageous Lies Book explains how these popular misconceptions began. Inside this fascinating book, you will be entertained by the truth behind some of our favorite stories, from the real models for mythical heroes like Paul Bunyan, to the source for urban legends like the alligators in the sewers of New York City. Packed with fascinating explanations of popular un-truths and half-truths, this book will please anyone looking for great trivia and the real stories behind American folklore. It features: Internet hoaxes, such as the e-mail tax and the Good Times virus Modern urban legends, such as the Hitler diaries and the Roswell incident Entertainment intrigues - from the suicide of George reeves, the actor who played Superman, to Elvis sightings Consumer frauds, such as pyramid schemes and stock swindles Folk tales about heroes such as Johnny Appleseed and John Henry And much, much more!

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Customer Reviews

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Liar Liar - This book tells one about the story behind "the lies", we may have thought to be true.

This book is fun to read. For example, "Paul Bunyan". was an ad for a Lumber Company. One must keep in mind that this book is in fun. There is nothing to get up-tight about. I take fun over up-tight any day!. "Liar Liar" is fun. It is about a guy who tells lies. And, is made/forced to tell the truth.

Really a great can't put down book full of interesting tidbits of information. At least for me, it was full of things I'd always wondered about. Great book!

That's the best of this book: the elegant humour through every page. You can't avoid a smile now and then and this makes the reading a real pleasure. As for the content... well, it is very illustrative in some spots, and it's been very well picked up. But in some points it didn't refer explicitly to some real origin of the tale (this is specially true for the Urban Legends) and the hypothesis on those issues are kind of vague. Nevertheless, is a very nice reading for a quiet weekend.

Great Reading, book is funny in some spots.

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