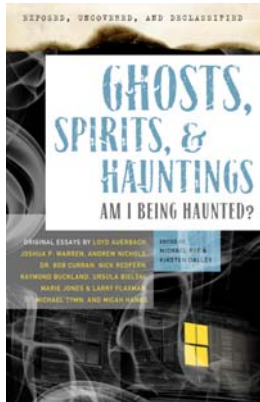


GHOSTS, SPIRITS & HAUNTINGS

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BOOK SUMMARY



Although there have been thousands of sightings of Bigfoot within the forests of North America over the past several centuries, all attempts to identify, trap, or kill even one such animal have ended in complete failure. Bigfoot has never had the misfortune of being hit by a car or truck and killed, nor has anyone ever stumbled across the corpse of one of these elusive animals. And there are countless cases on record in which people have attempted to shoot Bigfoot, but the bullets seem to have no effect on the animals whatsoever.

It's much the same with the monsters of Loch Ness, Scotland.

Although the loch is huge, it is hardly remote or inaccessible. Every year, tens of thousands of people flock to Scotland in the hope of seeing the elusive long-necked entities of those dark waters, and nearly all go home disappointed. Ambitious projects designed to seek out the creatures with submarines have always failed to turn up anything conclusive. Attempts to photograph the animals, on the rare occasions they have surfaced from the murky depths, have often proved to be curiously problematic, as well: cameras jam at crucial moments, and photographs are inexplicably blurred or fogged.

Could it be the case that the elusive monsters that plague and perplex us on dark, windswept nights, within thick woods, and amid the cold waters of ancient lochs are far stranger than they appear to be? Nick Redfern asks: are our monsters actually ghosts of long-dead and extinct animals?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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NICK REDFERN works full-time as an author, lecturer and journalist. He writes about a wide range of unsolved mysteries, including Bigfoot, UFOs, the Loch Ness Monster, alien encounters, the worlds of the supernatural and the paranormal, and government conspiracies and cover-ups.

He is a regular contributor to *UFO Magazine*, *Fate*, *Fortean Times*, and *Paranormal Magazine*. He has also written for *Military Illustrated*, *Eye-Spy*, *Penthouse* and the *British Daily Express*, *Western Daily Press* and *People* newspapers. His previous books include *Contactees*; *Memoirs of a Monster Hunter*; *Final Events*; *On the Trail of the Saucer Spies*; *Three Men Seeking Monsters*; *A Covert Agenda*; *The FBI Files*; *Cosmic Crashes*; *Celebrity Secrets*; *Body Snatchers in the Desert*; *Monsters of Texas*; *Science Fiction Secrets*; *There's something in the Woods*; *Strange Secrets* and *NASA Conspiracies*.

Nick has appeared on numerous television shows, including the BBC's *Out of this World*; Britain's *Big Breakfast*; History Channel's *Mysteries of the Bermuda Triangle*; *Monster Quest* and *UFO Hunters*; the National Geographic Channel's *Paranatural*; MSNBC's *Countdown* with Keith Olbermann; and the SyFy Channel's *Proof Positive*. He has also appeared on many occasions on *Coast to Coast AM* radio with George Noory.

His investigations have taken him to Puerto Rico in search of the blood-sucking Chupacabras; to Roswell, New Mexico on a quest for the truth behind the famous UFO crash of 1947; and to Wisconsin in pursuit of the infamous Mothman. Nick is the co-host, with Raven Meindel, of the weekly, paranormal-themed radio-show, *Exploring All Realms*. He writes a regular, weekly column for *Mania.com* on his investigations into mysterious creatures titled *Lair of the Beasts*.

Nick runs the American office of the British-based Center for Fortean Zoology, one of the very few full-time groups in the world dedicated to the investigation of such unknown animals as Bigfoot, the Loch Ness Monster, the Chupacabras, sea-serpents, and the Abominable Snowman. Originally from England, Nick Redfern lives in Arlington, Texas with his wife, Dana. He can be contacted at <http://nickredfernsbooks.blogspot.com>.

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

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- What is it that leads you to believe that creatures such as the Loch Ness Monster and Bigfoot may be more spectral than physical in nature?
- Texas' Big Thicket woods have a tradition of a ghostly Wildman. What is the truth of this legend?
- What is the story of the apparitional, glowing-eyed "Man-Monkey" of England?
- Phantom-like, diabolical hounds with blazing red eyes are a staple part of monster-hunting. What is the link between such creatures and the realm of the afterlife?
- How and why did U.S. Government-sponsored psychics come to believe that the Loch Ness Monster may actually be the spirit-form of a long-dead dinosaur?
- You have extensively researched encounters with werewolves that suggest such beasts are ghost-like in nature. What are some of the key points of this research?
- You have uncovered official, government files from the 1970s demonstrating that the U.S. Government has secretly researched the issue of life-after-death in animals. What do the files reveal?
- Some eye-witnesses to such spirit-style animals have sensed the creatures seem highly malevolent and hostile. Do these "animals" pose a threat to us?
- Should the search for Bigfoot, Nessie, the Chupacabra and other unknown beasts not be undertaken by monster-hunters, but rather by ghost-hunters and paranormal experts?
- If Bigfoot is some sort of specter rather than a living animal, does this mean we will never really resolve the mystery?
- Do you believe the Government knows - or suspects - the truth of what these creatures really are?