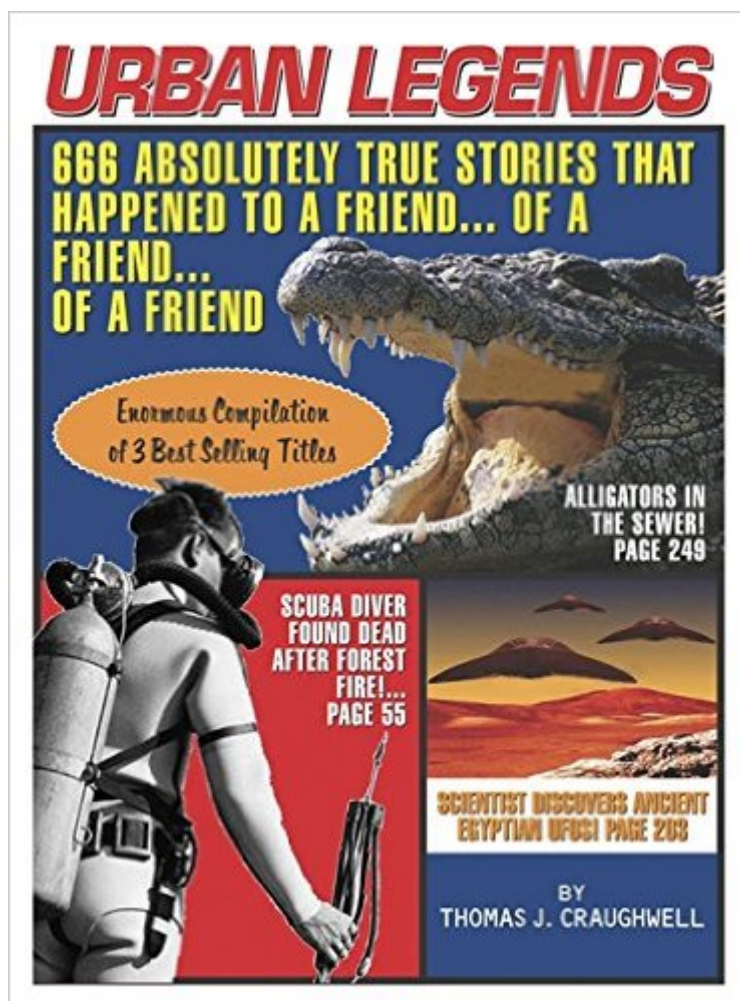


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# Urban Legends: 666 Absolutely True Stories That Happened To A Friend...of A Friend?of A Friend



## Synopsis

Combining Black Dog's three very successful hardcover collections of "urban legends" (Alligators in the Sewer, The Baby on the Car Roof, and The Cat in the Dryer) into one stupendous volume, Urban Legends is the ultimate collection of those outlandish tales people love to share. With themes that run the gamut from funny to sick, risqu  to informative, frightening to disgusting, these fantastic yarns are remarkable for their uncanny ability to travel by word of mouth. We've all heard the one about the alligators that roam New York City's sewers, or how "Mikey" of Life Cereal fame died from ingesting Pop Rocks and Coke, or about the flustered parents who left their baby on the car roof. But, did you hear the one about the scuba diver who was found in the middle of a forest after a fire? These and other favorites are here in all of their creepy glory "guaranteed to amuse, enlighten, intrigue, and most of all, stick in the mind forever.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a compilation of the author's earlier urban legends books so unless you actually want them all in one volume you'll be disappointed because there's nothing new here. If you've never read the author's work you'll find his retelling of the most famous and not so famous urban legends to be terrific. Some stories are presented in a matter of fact way, others are written up with more flair. The killer upstairs on the other phone story is particularly creepy. If you love urban legends this is a very good book to add to your collection.

Enjoyable book that is a collection of urban legends. Most of the stories are pretty short which

makes this a good book to pick up and put down as time allows, even if you only have 5 minutes you have enough time to get through a story most of the time. It's interesting to see the different urban legends and even see a couple I still thought were real. For the price this is an easy purchase if you have any interest in urban legends.

Urban legends are unbelievable 'city stories' which abound, from the amazing kidney thief who will leave his victims in a tub of ice to the alligator in the toilet or the ghost children of San Antonio who, killed on train tracks, saves anyone whose car would stall nearby. From the 'real' men in black who thwart alien reports to the rude cookie-eater, *URBAN Legends: 666 Absolutely True Stories That Happened To A Friend Of A Friend Of A Friend* is packed with fun - and social legends.

Loved this book...was surprised to see how many of the urban legends that I thought were true were exposed. Book is currently making the rounds of my college kids and I can't wait to get it back!

As far as books on urban legends go this was a good read. And contained a good selection of these well-known tales and legends. Most of these I already know and a few I didn't. Well-worth the read for those interested in folklore and urban legends. Enjoyed and recommend!!

I liked the book; it was fun to review these. However, there were no urban legends that I hadn't already read in Jan Harald Brunvald's various books. Gave only four stars because I'm sure there are others out there that hadn't already been published.

If you haven't heard of at least a dozen of these 'true' stories; you've been living in isolation for much too long. Craughwell has collected 666 stories and presents them in the largest resource of these unbelievable stories I've ever seen. I am sure you will find some that you will still believe as true no matter what the author tells us. Maybe you even know people who swear that some of the things in this book even happened to them and if not to someone they know. After reading 666 of these legends, you will be so versed in them, that you will be able to complete the story as someone tries to relate them to you. Just tell them the same thing happened to a friend of yours. They will believe you just as fast as they believed it the first time; maybe even faster. Only you will know the truth. You gotta wonder who makes these up in the first place. The thing that gets me is how up to date these legends are. As soon as a new product or invention appears, a legend is sure to follow. Sunscreen, computers, cell phones, organ transplants, etc. I don't think there was one about

cloning or stem cell research yet;but pay attention ,there will be one soon. This reminds me of days in the Army,around college dorms,hanging out in the pool room,in the locker room,in the bar ,or just about anywhere a bunch of guys are hanging out.It also reminds me of that song:"Tell me another one,just like the other one,tell me another one doooo" A great gift for anyone who likes to spin a tale;it'll provide ammunition for years.

If you just have a few minutes to read here or there this is a great book. You can read through a few of these enjoyable, often hilarious urban legends. I have to confess that Mr. Craughwell has at least one in there that is fact rather than legend. "The Hall of Tortured Souls" about Excel 95 having a Doom look alike Easter Egg hidden within it. I remember reading that one 13 years or so ago and, since I was using Office 95 at the time, I checked it out. I saw that one with my own eyes so I know it is fact rather than Urban Legend. Most of these are so way out there though as to be hilarious. There are several great legends though that have just enough ring of truth to them to make you wonder.

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