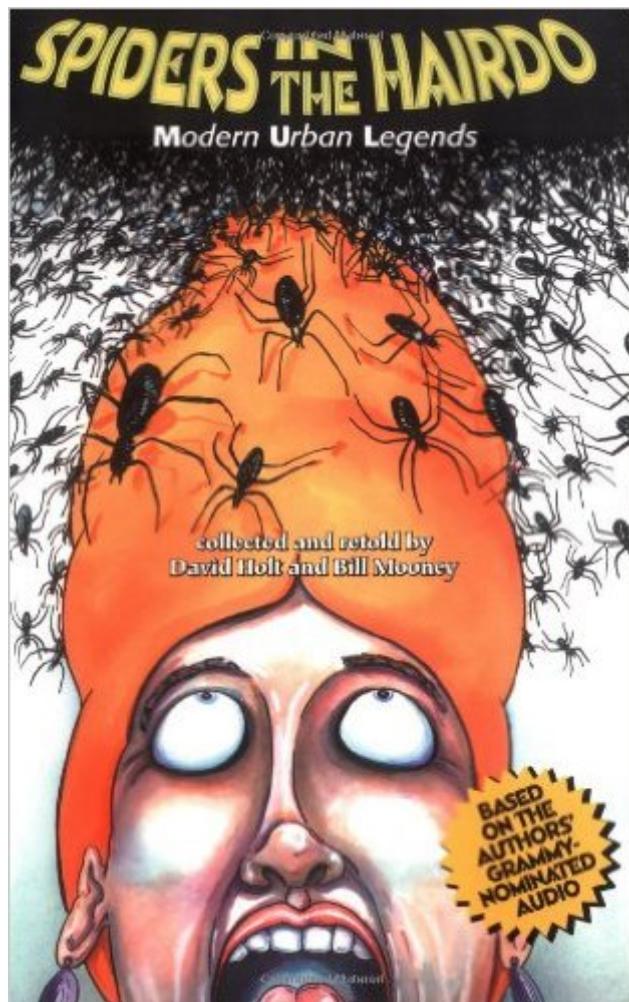


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Spiders In The Hairdo: Modern Urban Legends



Synopsis

This collection of urban myths assembles 50 brief stories from modern oral tradition. Commonly attributed to FOAFs (friend of a friend), they are intriguing and often frightening tales passed along in casual conversation. These tales are the substance of modern folklore, an evolving treasury of narratives. From the famous Vanishing Hitchhiker to incredulous tales of alligators in the New York City sewer system these stories still live in our collective imagination.

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Customer Reviews

What can I say? Spiders in the Hairdo is the most entertaining and easy-to-read book related to modern folklore. From frighteners like, "The Belle of Biloxi" to laugh-inducers like "Attention K-Mart Shoppers", readers of this book will be entertained from the first word to the last word.

All those fun stories that you grew up with as a kid are here in this book. The next time you complain about all these new legends on the Internet, remember we all told the one about the bloody hook attached to the car door. And you know that story about the roach eggs in the taco meat made your skin crawl, no pun intended. This book is too much fun and a good source for nostalgic reflection or for retelling to all those people who you just want to scare a little! ...

This book makes for highly amusing browsing. It is full of ironic anecdotes that have been widely circulated by word of mouth or even in some newspapers as possibly being true. Rather than analyze the origins of these false tales, this book presents them in all their humor, horror, and glory. A few of them are gross, but many provoke laughter.

It started as a "read aloud" in her class, and she came home wanting to buy it for her KF. Surprised, since she not a reader, but glad she wanted it. I've read excerpts, and it seems pretty entertaining.

Before I begin, I should mention I didn't judge this as harshly. If you're dealing with urban legends, you're not working with your own characters with your own characters, plots, tropes, etc. However, the storyteller can make these sound interesting. I kind of I'm not sure what drew me to it. The cover's interesting, but I didn't have much interest in them. Despite this, I decided to give this a chance. I'm glad I did. Not only did I enjoy the end of the introduction, but I did enjoy most of these stories. Not only that, but one elicited emotion from me. The aspect I liked about most them is I agree that this is some truth. Even though they're just legends, they're plausible to a point. I want to mention the Vanishing Ghost made me feel sad. While I was reading it, I skipped ahead (as I often do) and read the gravestone. While that alone didn't make me sad, it was the fact that the dead girl was only four.

I LOVE this book! I first read it back in middle school, and have wanted to buy a copy for so long. I told one of my teachers about it, and she wanted one too. I ordered the books, and they got here really quickly (with Prime 2-day shipping). It's so hilarious, you'll want to keep reading it year-round!

This book does not explore anything new in terms of presenting new Urban Legends. But, it does dramatize well known legends giving them a new flare. Very good book.

Spiders in the Hairdo is a collection of well known and in most cases frequently told myths, camp fire stories and I heard from a friend of a friend or a friend rumours. The majority you will have heard before but this is a good compact sized collection of some of the best tales. You've got the knife wheeling maniac in the back seat (as told by Auto on the Simpsons) who in this book is a rope strangler. The unwashed hair full of poisonous spiders, the hook on the lovers' car door, scuba diver in the tree after a forest fire and all the world's favourites. They are quite good versions in this book and this collection is just as good as a lot of other books out there such as The Big Book of Urban

Myths or the Darwin Awards Trilogy. Spiders in the Hairdo is not however in the same high quality league for this genre as Hippo Eats Dwarf by Alex Boese, Great Mythconceptions by Karl Kruszelnicki, The Truth Behind Old Wives Tales by Thomas Craughwell

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