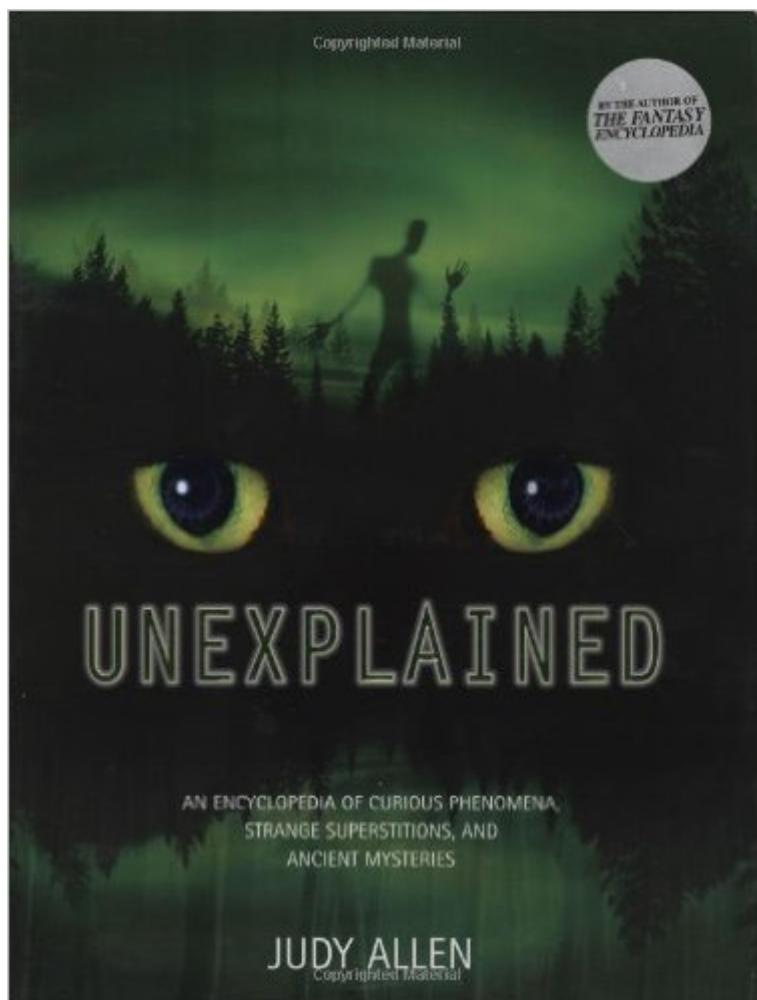


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Unexplained: An Encyclopedia Of Curious Phenomena, Strange Superstitions, And Ancient Mysteries



Synopsis

Unexplained is a comprehensive and compelling one-stop guide to weird nature, the paranormal, and strange superstitions. Even with today's high-tech science, many events and ancient mysteries remain unexplained and surrounded by theories that stir the imagination and challenge scientific fact. This book systematically explores all aspects of the human fascination with the unknowable, from hauntings and the power of the mind to physical mysteries such as lost civilizations, ancient superstitions and symbols, and the persistent ideas about life from other planets. Evocative illustrations and intriguing photographs, combined with spine-tingling text by an award-winning author, shed light on the world's greatest mysteries.

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Customer Reviews

This colourful simply laid out picture/reference book would be an ideal gift for a child who has recently developed an interest in some or a few of the topics covered. Hauntings, UFO's, Ghosts, Psychics, ESP, Monsters, Ancient Mysteries, omens, superstitions, symbols, natural phenomena, curses and other topics falling under the word unexplained are all in here. However there are only really a few paragraphs on each subject surrounded by illustrations and photographs, no more than a double page spread on anything inside. Reading the book from cover to cover will take less than an hour which you may also want to consider in determining if Unexplained is value for money. The

book has enough to hold your interest for that hour but I don't think many questions will be satisfied, however it does create a desire to learn more and to think about some things. Maybe try and borrow it from your local library before ordering to see if it will suffice.

I am a voracious reader with numerous interests and this book seemed to be a good bargain. When I wrote that it is a "very basic book" I did not mean it was not encyclopedic in scope. Indeed, this large (8 by 11 size) hardback book covers an enormous amount of fascinating material. None of the topics are covered in depth, but rather gives a very brief overview of each section. In this respect, it only provides more of an introduction to each topic and you will have to search further to obtain further knowledge on each topic. Some of the topics covered in the ten sections include the following: (1) Hauntings: Houses, Castles, and Ghosts on the battlefield, road and at sea. (2) The Power of the mind explores the sixth sense, psychic detectives, dream, premonitions and other topics. (3) Superstitions and symbols are explained such as fear of numbers, the power of names, curses and jinxes, the lore of cats and other related material. (4) Natural Phenomena is covered such as fire, light, sound and movement. (5) Strange creatures include water and land monsters are explained. Section 6 covers disappearances. Ancient mysteries are covered in section 7. Lost Lands and secrets are explored in section 8. Section 9 is about lines and labyrinths. The final section covers phenomena such as UFOs. In conclusion, this is an interesting book but it is probably more for children rather than adults. Rating: 4 Stars. Joseph J. Truncale (Season of the Warrior: A poetic tribute to warriors)

Expertly written for young readers ages 9 to 14 and students in grades 4 to 9, "Unexplained: An Encyclopedia of Curious Phenomena, Strange Superstitions, And Ancient Mysteries" is a 144 page, profusely illustrated compendium of strange phenomena that has puzzled and intrigued people from our earliest recorded records down to the present day. Ranging from 'hauntings', to the extra sensory power of the mind, to superstitions and symbols, to unnatural phenomena (human combustion, weeping statues), to strange creatures, and more, "Unexplained" will prove to be a fascinating, educational, and popular addition to school and community library collections for children curious about the weird and the wonderful that seemingly defy logic and scientific explanation.

Ever wondered if there really are castles that are haunted? Or people who have real, honest-to-goodness ESP? How about those strange stories about frogs falling from the sky, or if the

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everything went great with the company i bought it from no complaints but the book is more of a childrens guide to the subject , its not very indepth but a good stater book on the subject

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