

“There’s Something In The Woods:
A Transatlantic Hunt for Monsters and the Mysterious” by Nick Redfern

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Nick Redfern has a solid reputation as a leading researcher and author of all things paranormal, especially the field of cryptozoology. He can present the facts, write the books, and speak across the globe with the best of them. But there is one thing he does better than all the rest, and that is get out there in the field, get his hands dirty, and actually look for the very things he writes about.

Not afraid to boldly go where no other researcher dares to, or even risk his neck, Redfern accumulates a book-full of new adventures (anyone who’s read his past books knows he doesn’t sit still for long) seeking monsters and things that go bump in the day and the night. This time, he focuses his transcontinental road trip on the United States and his home country, England, and trust me, there are more than enough creatures to chase to fill ten books.

Redfern, who lives in Dallas, Texas, picks up where his gonzo thrill-ride “Three Men Seeking Monsters” left off and bounces back and forth between strange and creepy locales on both continents. We follow Nick into the woods of the deeply historical region of Staffordshire, England where his monster quest begins in the Cannock Chase, searching out the “Cannock Nessie,” a local legend of a beast, and ends up chasing werewolves, giant cats and Bigfoot-like man beasts, all while his poor wife looks on begging him to not mess with unseen forces he knows little about. Not that anything like that would ever stop Redfern, who plows forth on the trail of Devil-Monkeys, cryptic crop circles, potential UFO sightings and a host of other mysteries from the borderlands that exist in merry Old England.

Then it’s soon off to the States where we get a first-hand account of the hunt for oversized winged insects, giant black cats, ghost lights, creepy “dark men” and a plethora of other local and regional legends that few Americans may be aware exist right in their own backyard...ok, well, in the WOODS behind their own backyard.

Much of Redfern’s research focuses on cryptozoology, with giant black dogs and werewolf-type entities taking front and center, and the author never fails to both entertain and educate as he presents his own hands-on views as well as some cutting edge theories behind these entities, including the possibility that we are dealing with inter-dimensional creatures and not just flesh-and-blood beasts. As always, Redfern’s book is peppered with humor, personal insight and plenty of pictures courtesy of the author’s own well-traveled camera.

I consider Nick Redfern both a colleague and a friend, and anxiously await anything he does. He excels as a writer to be sure, but again, his forte is getting out on the road and in

search of, to borrow from the TV series I grew up on, the stuff that others only talk and write about. He may seem a bit crazy in his approach, but who would expect anything less of a guy who once kissed a baby Chupa on the lips (I have proof in my book "PSIence"!!!). Rest assured, if there is something in the woods, Nick Redfern is no doubt the guy to find it.