

The book was found

# The Mexican Pet: More "New" Urban Legends And Some Old Favorites



## Synopsis

"A uniquely entertaining book: edifying scholarship, diverting social history." •Elaine Kendall, Los Angeles Times "[The book] captures the spirit of convivial storytelling and even encourages the activity. . . . Many readers . . . will be gratified to know that Brunvand intends to continue this series of relaxed, unofficial excursions into popular legends. Admirers of curiosa and the psychology of crowds cannot afford to miss them." •Kirkus Reviews

## Book Information

Paperback: 224 pages

Publisher: W. W. Norton & Company; Reprint edition (April 17, 1988)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0393305422

ISBN-13: 978-0393305425

Product Dimensions: 5.5 x 0.6 x 8.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 9.6 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 3.0 out of 5 stars • See all reviews (7 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #1,888,855 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #44 in Books > Humor & Entertainment > Humor > Urban Legends #5367 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences > Folklore & Mythology #11239 in Books > Literature & Fiction > Mythology & Folk Tales

## Customer Reviews

If you're interested in a good compilation of the texts of various urban legends, I'd highly recommend this book. Brunvand includes some of the ULs published in his earlier writing, but he adds a numerous new legends in this volume. The focus is largely on presenting a lot of stories, but there is enough background information to spark the readers' curiosity. His bibliography, foot-notes, and other publications can provide more information on the stories for readers who want more analysis. All-in-all, this book is a good introduction to the subject of urban legends, and he presents the stories very well. One of the more interesting elements of this book is that Brunvand finds the kernel of truth in some of the stories. He also shows how some can be debunked. Brunvand does miss the boat on a couple of the legends by claiming that they're not true, when they actually can be verified. A good example of this oversight is his attempt to debunk stories about big catfish. They really can grow to over 100 pounds in the USA, and some Asian varieties can exceed 600 pounds.

Who knew that the sheer number of urban legends could spawn yet another book? Brunvand is the legend specialist and his research is excellent as he relates the legends and then reveals their origins. It is amazing to read his books and realize how many people actually swear these stories are completely true and happened to a friend of a friend's hairdresser. This outing revisits some old favorites and also brings to light a few new ones. It is a fitting addition to the Brunvand collection (which are some of the best gift books to give and receive).

This is another fine example of logic and reason applied to the popular "friend of a friend" stories of our time. Brunvand puts a great deal of effort into finding variations of urban legends spread out across the United States and the world, reaching back many years to a usually unfindable source. If you believe in critical thinking, then this is a good book for you.

This book was okay but I'd recommend reading one of Jan's (Mr. Urban Legend) other books instead of this one....lame urban legends in my opinion.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Mexican Pet: More "New" Urban Legends and Some Old Favorites Wet Pet, Dry Pet, Your Pet, My Pet (Dr. Seuss Nursery Collection) Some We Love, Some We Hate, Some We Eat: Why It's So Hard to Think Straight About Animals (P.S.) Some We Love, Some We Hate, Some We Eat: Why It's So Hard to Think Straight About Animals Animal Talk: Mexican Folk Art Animal Sounds in English and Spanish (First Concepts in Mexican Folk Art) Star Wars Legends Epic Collection: The Old Republic Volume 1 (Epic Collection: Star Wars Legends) Mexican Slow Cooker Cookbook: Easy, Flavorful Mexican Dishes That Cook Themselves The Wealth and Poverty of Nations: Why Some Are So Rich and Some So Poor The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha, Vol. 2: Expansions of the Old Testament and Legends, Wisdom and Philosophical Literature, Prayers, Psalms, and Odes, Fragments of Lost Judeo-Hellenistic works BALLS: It Takes Some to Get Some Mexican American Mojo: Popular Music, Dance, and Urban Culture in Los Angeles, 1935–1968 (Refiguring American Music) Leyendas Mexicanas / Mexican Legends (Spanish Edition) Sherri Baldy My-Besties Steampunk Coloring Book: A coloring book for Adults and all ages. Color up some of Sherri Baldy's fan favorites Steampunk Besties Too Good To Be True: The Colossal Book of Urban Legends (Revised and with a new chapter) Choking Doberman: And Other New Urban Legends The Storyteller's Secret: From TED Speakers to Business Legends, Why Some Ideas Catch On and Others Don't Pragmatism: A New Name for Some Old Ways of Thinking Children's Favorites, Vol. 1:

Disney Bedtime Favorites and Disney Storybook Collection Martha Stewart's New Pies and Tarts:  
150 Recipes for Old-Fashioned and Modern Favorites Littlest Pet Shop My Big World of Little Pets:  
A Pet Journal and Collection Record

[Dmca](#)