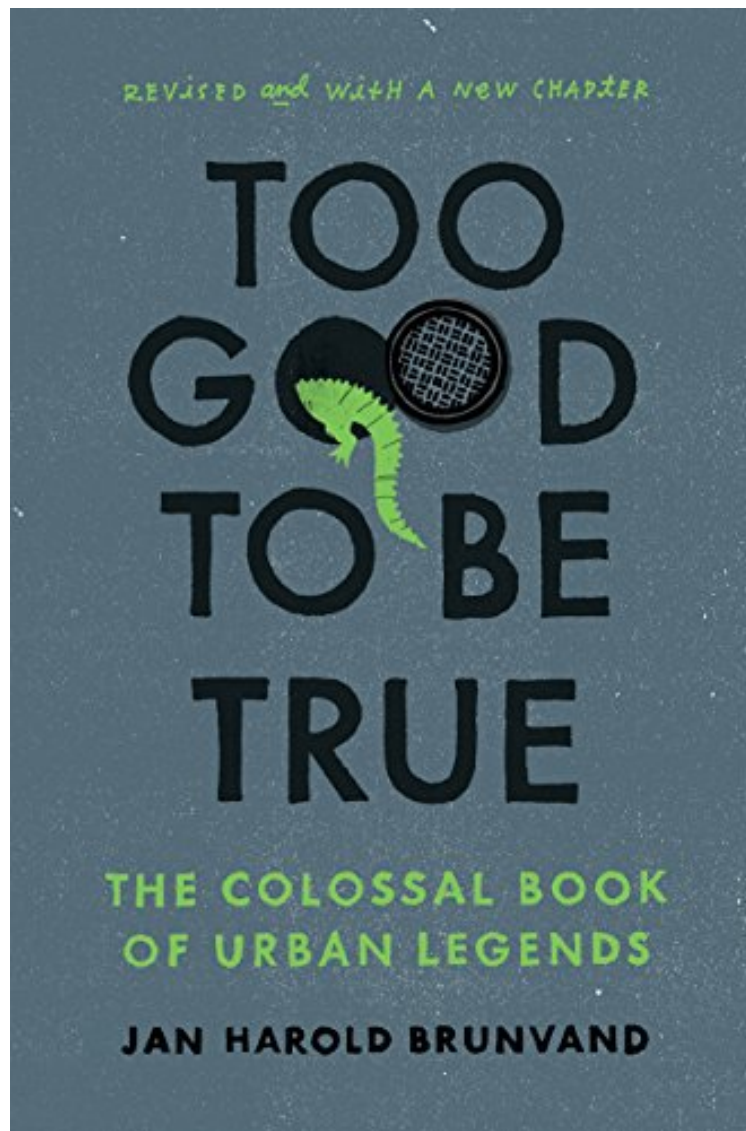


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Mr. Brunvand's book is a delight to read simply as a collection of Urban Legends - the stories play on our love of fun, irony, mischief, coincidence or even morbid twists of fate. But anyone could compile a bunch of urban legends. The real meat of the book is in Mr. Brunvand's analysis of each legend, or group of legends. It is pretty amazing to see him trace the origins of each legend and pick apart the contents. Several of the legends actually have their root in real events, but most are pure fancy. Why do I give it only a four star rating? I save the fifth for truly outstanding books. This one is fun, but not a must-read.  
Format of the book: The author divides the book into chapters based on the theme of the legends. Each chapter has many legends (from his "files"), interspersed with his analysis. In his analysis, he may talk about the feasibility of a legend, the origin, other occurrences of the same or similar legends in history, or sociological aspects of the legend.  
"Parental advisory": A few of the legends have some somewhat twisted sexual content.  
So bottom line: Fun book - it will keep you entertained and give you the upper hand next time someone tries to tell you one of these legends.  
4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Colossal Book of Urban Legends  
By Stephen Arkanell  
For those who don't know, Jan Harold Brunvand has a column out in Salt Lake City, but has acquired a following all across the country, or rather the world. He is the leading scholar on the subject of urban legends, those sometimes funny and often terrifying stories you first heard on the playground or by the watercooler, which are always supposed to be true but can't be proved because they happened to a friend of a friend of a friend . . . This book, the "Colossal Book of Urban Legends" is really an updated combination of most of Brunvand's previous books, such as "The Vanishing Hitchhiker", "The Choking Doberman" and "The Baby Train". In other words, if you are going to buy this book, I doubt think you'll want to buy all the previous ones, though there might be a few stories in those not included here.

The colossal classic becomes even more colossal with a full new chapter of recent urban legends. Alligators in the sewers? A pet in the microwave? No, it didnt really happen to your friends sisters neighbor: its an urban legend. And no matter how savvy you think you are, you are sure to find at least one story you always believed to be true in this colossal collection. Professor Jan Harold Brunvand is the leading authority on urban legends, and Too Good to Be True now updated and expanded is his most complete anthology. Whether you want to become an expert debunker or just have plenty of laughs, this book will surprise and entertain you. 74 illustrations

If you enjoy these too-good-to-be-true tales, Brunvands new book will give you hours of pleasure. - Chicago Tribune  
Resonant stories that express our hidden anxieties [and] make us laugh. - San Francisco Chronicle  
Urban legends persist, argues Brunvand, because people cant resist a good story. Read this book and youll agree. - Playboy  
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