

Three Books by Independent Authors

Three nonfiction cryptozoology books on modern pterosaurs in North America are now available on Amazon. The three authors, Ken Gerhard, Jonathan Whitcomb, and Gerald McIsaac, have independently written their books, with no apparent collaboration between them. I don't claim complete objectiveness in evaluating these three publications, as evidenced by the ad below, but I would like to present these books in some degree of comparison in some ways.

Each of these three nonfiction books contain eyewitness sighting reports of modern living pterosaurs, but there are significant differences in style and emphasis. I'll do my best to explain.

Big Bird

Published February 1, 2007, Ken Gerhard's book has too many English mistakes for my liking. If I recall correctly, for it's been awhile since I've read *Big Bird*, there is also at least one sentence that was chopped off, with the second half missing, perhaps between pages, I don't recall exactly. I also found a technical mistake that put into question, however slightly, the accuracy of the book as a whole. With that in mind, *Big Bird* has reports in Texas that may not be available from other sources, for Gerhard has traveled around and interviewed people who have seen what they believe were modern pterosaurs.

Live Pterosaurs in America – third edition

Published November 2, 2011, Jonathan Whitcomb's book is likely the most extensive in eyewitness sightings across the U.S.A., and at 154 pages is more substantial than the other two books. His objectiveness has occasionally been brought

into question by critics who bring up the religion question, to be precise the Creationist connection, but for those who have read both his books in their most recent editions, he is seen to be not a Young Earth Creationist in the usual sense, for he does not believe in a 6,000 universe or even a 6,000 year old earth.

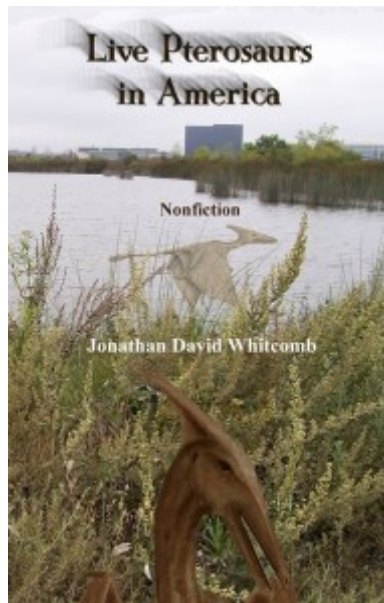
Bird From Hell – second edition

Published April 21, 2011, McIsaac's book may not be entirely about sightings of pterosaurs. I admit that I have not read the book in its entirety, however. But the "Look Inside" feature of Amazon has given me a peek into this nonfiction book, and I like what I see. It probably has only a fraction of the number of sightings as *Live Pterosaurs in America*, but the old traditions of native Americans give this book a special flavor. Modern pterosaurs are supported by not only recent sightings in North America but by old traditions of American Indians. Like *Big Bird*, this book probably has reports that are not available from any other original source. But this book is only about cryptids in British Columbia, Canada.

Conclusion

For those new to this fascinating field of cryptozoology, I recommend purchasing all three books on Amazon.com, for you will probably get free shipping in the bargain.

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From the Amazon page on the second edition of this book comes this review:

"I couldn't put this book down. It is absolutely fascinating to read about eyewitness accounts of the people who have seen these creatures. To learn about these testimonies from such an open minded perspective is refreshing in the extreme! The way that our school systems and scientists alike are indoctrinated is sad. There is so much money out there being used for research, if only they would use it for good. I highly recommend this book to anyone! People should know the truth about what is going on. No one ever hears anything about this unless they conduct extremely specific internet searches, even then, information is minimal. Jonathan Whitcomb needs to write more books!"