

New Cryptozoology Book on Modern Pterosaurs

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My newest nonfiction book, *The Girl who saw a Flying Dinosaur*, was published in November of 2018 and is available on Amazon and other online book retailers. It differs from the other nonfiction cryptozoology books I've written:

- *Searching for Ropens and Finding God*
- *Live Pterosaurs in America*
- *Live Pterosaurs in Australia and in Papua New Guinea*

The new book is a short nonfiction for older children and younger teenagers.

The following are brief excerpts from the book:

Title Page

What the eyewitnesses have seen, in many areas of the world, are not literally flying dinosaurs. The correct name for this kind of flying creature is 'pterosaur.' How is that possible? All of them are said to have become extinct many millions of years ago. It takes a whole book to answer a question like, "Why do some people believe that some of them are still alive?" This is one of those books.

Introduction

Why assume that eyewitnesses are correct, that each of them has seen an actual living pterosaur? Fifteen years of research preceded the writing of this book. During those years, the author spent well over 10,000 hours on his investigation: interviewing eyewitnesses, comparing sighting

reports, and writing about the encounters. He published his findings in a scientific paper in a peer-reviewed journal and in a number of editions of four nonfiction books and in well over a thousand blog posts and other web pages. During that time, the author found important similarities in the reports.

Chapter 7

Two other Americans went on their own expedition on Umboi Island, within a few weeks of my return to the United States, late in 2004 [after my expedition there]. David Woetzel and Garth Guessman were well prepared, with a form for asking many questions. They wanted to see a ropen for themselves, yet they were ready to ask natives many questions about what they had seen.



The Girl who saw a Flying Dinosaur (by Whitcomb)

About the Original Post

Early in 2017, I wrote this post to promote a different cryptozoology book: *Modern Pterosaurs*. The major point behind that nonfiction was the apparent Civil-War era photo that was called "Ptp." I no longer support the total authenticity of that image, however, at least not in every detail of it.

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'Dinosaur' Book for Children and Teens

*Why would the new book *The Girl who saw a Flying Dinosaur* be the best Christmas or birthday gift for many kids and teenagers? It invites them into a new world of adventure in cryptozoology: true stories of encounters with modern living pterosaurs.*

Modern pterosaurs in Papua New Guinea

*Peter Beach and Milt Marcy, both of the Portland area of Oregon, led an expedition in Papua New Guinea, in March and April of 2015, searching for a living pterosaur that previous American explorers had failed to see clearly. This time Americans **did see**, in daylight, the form and features of an apparent pterosaur.*

flying dinosaur book for ten-year-old

Why should only adults see apparent living pterosaurs? In fact, some of the eyewitnesses of modern "pterodactyls" are children and why not? Outside is where people need to be, if

they are to have any reasonable chance of observing a living pterosaur. How often is a child seen to spend much time outdoors!

Pterodactyls or flying dragons

Pterosaurs, the technically correct name for what many call "pterodactyls," are known by Western scientists through their fossils. Textbooks and children's books declare that they all became extinct many millions of years ago. (A common phrase is "by 65 million years ago.") But where is the evidence for the extinction of all pterosaurs? Why do so many publications proclaim their ancient demise, yet fail to give any solid reason for the belief that all members of all species died?

Living Pterosaur in Minnesota

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