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Truth is stranger than legend . . . and your journey into both begins here.

World adventurer and international monster hunter Josh Gates has careened through nearly 100 countries, investigating frightening myths, chilling cryptozoological legends, and terrifying paranormal phenomena. Now, he invites fans to get a behind-the-scenes look at these breathtaking expeditions.

Follow Gates from the inception of the groundbreaking hit show (at the summit of Kilimanjaro) to his hair-raising encounters with dangerous creatures in the most treacherous locations on earth. Among his many adventures, he unearths the flesh-crawling reality of the Mongolian Death Worm, challenges an ancient curse by spending the night in King Tut's tomb, descends into a centuries-old mine to search for an alien entity in subterranean darkness, pursues ghosts in the radioactive shadow of Chernobyl, and explores sightings of Bigfoot from the leech-infested rain forests of Malaysia to the dizzying heights of the Himalayas.

Part journey into the unexplained, part hilarious travelogue, part fascinating look at the making of a reality-based TV show—and featuring never-before-published photographs—this Destination Truth companion takes readers on the supernatural expedition of a lifetime.

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Jasmine says

so, way back in the day when I was graduating from college my mom offered to take me to spain to celebrate. Now I didn't think it would actually happen because it wasn't the first time an offer had been made. But later I found out my stepfather had offered to pay, but he didn't want to go to spain. I offered some other options ireland, italy, you know europe. It turned out he was offering backpacking in indonesia. My response... "I don't sleep on the ground". Yeah I know people are suppose to like backpacking, I like beds and showers and countries where I can speak the language. I figured my graduation my present, it seemed weird to insist on taking me to a country I'd never expressed any interest in, and well that was the outcome. I still don't have a passport, I've still never left the country, and the last time I went camping I was in high school and I was hooking up with a guy. Basically I am not now and will never be a monster hunter. that's why I read books like this. I find the monsters fascinating. I want to know if yetis exist and I would really like josh gates to do the leg work for me. I love this book because it's not really about truth at least not western truth. It's about the fact monsters exist in cultures where truth isn't quite the same as it is here. in places where a monster can exist without existing. what we are seeing is artifacts, truths that run deeper than surface level science. There is a reason that monsters exist and here in america we don't always remember that since we know there is nothing under the bed, but it doesn't change it.

Samantha says

I have been a long time fan of Destination Truth and was so happy when I bought this book. The enter time I'm reading it I can hear Josh's voice in my head and picture exactly what is going on. It's more then just a companion book to the show like he says; it's so much more. I have to say that by far the best chapters I've read are Ch.11: Worst. Vacation. Ever. for its hilarity at his misfortune, and Ch.15: Chernobyl; I wanted to cry throughout this entire chapter.

Even if you don't watch the show this is an excellent book none the less.

So pick up a copy and start reading, and start looking for the truth

Krista says

I love Destination Truth, I love Josh Gates, and I loved this book! Josh is hilarious and i love hearing about all of the places he's visited and crazy things that happened while making the show. He also shares a few stories from his personal life and how he got the job on Destination Truth. He offers a lot on great insight and advice about traveling abroad, and I actually feel like I learned a lot about how to be a better traveller from this book. I highly recommend this book to fans of Josh, his shows, or travel and adventure.

Sherrie says

Fascinating Travel Channel TV show and a terrific book. Josh Gates is smart, funny and cute and this book

gives great insight into behind the scenes incidents. Josh is an excellent storyteller on TV and on paper.

Natasha says

This book was nothing like I originally expected it to be. Initially, despite the fact that I figured it would simply be a behind the scenes play by play of Josh's many cases, I picked it up anyhow because I find Josh amusing. To my surprise and happiness I was completely wrong. Though he does mention his cases, this book contains so much more...his thoughts on travel, humor, culture, food...everything. As someone who experiences the itch to travel often, he really gives a good argument as to why nothing in this world should stop us from actually seeing the world. Josh gives a compelling argument as to why every person needs to remove our selves from the confining boxes of our everyday lives, pack our bags, and just go...go wherever. With helpful tips and instructions on how to not be an "international D-Bag" as he puts it. Josh really does give you the strength of mind to stretch your legs and go on an adventure and the comfort to leave without worry, because as Josh said "home will be waiting for you right where you left it" :)

Tyler Mickelson says

It's evident that Josh Gates is not only well versed in the Legends he hunts but also in life in general. His quick witty one liners that make the show so appealing, transfer straight across to the pages of his book. I was also very impressed with the level of writing that Josh has seemingly produced on his own accord with out the help of a co-author. Another point of interest was the fact the instead of recanting the first season of Destination Truth, like other in the same field have done, he instead chose a few episodes through out the shows four seasons and reminisced about them. Gates also brought in personal stories of his own adventures, reliving his nightmare of a trip to Mexico with his childhood friend, or his hike to the top of Kilimanjaro. All and all a great read for not only Destination Truth fans, but for others who have never watched the show as well.

Toni says

I loved this book. Well written with a lot of behind the scenes takes on the Destination Truth episodes that I love.

It was VERY hard while reading the book not to stop and read every other paragraph out loud to whomever was in the room. It was that fun and interesting. As a matter of fact, I often gave in and read large portions aloud. Once I even got out of bed to read a page to someone. They were as equally shocked as I was by the information I was reading. (Chernobyl, anyone?)

At different times while reading I was entertained, amused, laughing out loud, cringing and down right terrified. (Not kidding. Chernobyl, anyone?)

This book will definitely make you want to get off your sofa and travel. Maybe not to Malaysia or Chernobyl but you will absolutely want to travel more. I was in awe as I read the descriptions of the places Josh has been and the things he has seen and experienced. In awe and a little jealous. (But, not of Chernobyl.)

I would definitely recommend this book. It helps if you're a fan of Destination Truth but I wouldn't say necessary. The tales recounted will keep you entertained either way.

Jolie says

A super fun, really exciting, very funny read.

Licking County Library says

Recommended by Meghan, Main Library, Children's Department (July 2016)

Meghan's Review:

I give it 5 stars. I couldn't put this book down. Just reading about Josh's adventures and near death experiences kept me on the edge of my seat. Josh's sense of humor is wonderful and puts a great spin on his hair-raising adventures. I have the travel bug now since reading this book. A definite must-read for anyone who loves travel and adventure.

Janet says

I picked this book up for two reasons: I am a fan of the show Destination Truth and it is this month's selection for a reading group to which I belong. I anticipated it being nothing more than a regurgitation of the episodes I've seen on TV, but that assumption was way off mark.

Anyone who has ever experienced even a fleeting moment of wanderlust should read this book. Gates takes the reader along on some amazing journeys, but he also provides some important lessons about the difference between being a tourist and being a traveler and reminds us that no matter how far we wander, there's no place like home.

Gates' writing style is conversational, well-informed, intelligent, and witty. He doesn't shy away from poking fun at his own insecurities, nor does he gloss over the seedier side of world travel. Still, he manages to relate the awe and amazement one experiences on seeing the wonders of the world - both great and small. His personal interactions with both ordinary and important citizens of the world are illuminating, entertaining, and often thrilling.

Buy the book. You won't regret reading it.

Leah K says

If you've ever seen the popular show, Destination Truth, on Syfy, you know what this show is all about. A man (Josh Gates) and his team travel throughout the world in search of the cryptozoological and paranormal. And if you've watched the show, you know it's not just about finding the unexplained, it's about the meeting

of cultures and beliefs, finding reality within the myth, and Josh Gates traveling the world as he falls, fumbles, and cusses at the always-failing broken-down transportation.

Written by Josh Gates, this book isn't filled with his early life. You will get a glimpse of what made him who he is but this story starts with the inception and creation of the show, Destination truth. You will get a behind the camera's look at his adventures with the show (and trust me, there's a lot you don't see – they film for days or weeks in foreign countries, just to come back and condense it into a 30-60 minute showing) and boy does this man have adventures to tell! Not only is this an excellent travelogue but it is hilarious. Gates is constantly adding in his sarcasm and humor that I find so endearing in the show. He also goes more into depth with his thoughts on the creatures he has been sent off in search of.

If you're looking for the exciting tell-all of this man's life before the show, you're not going to find it. But if you have enjoyed the fun and excitement that this show has offered for 4 seasons, there is no doubt that you will also enjoy this book.

Charlene says

Yes, this is a book written by the host of the Syfy show Destination Truth and yes, it does give you a behind the scenes look at the unique challenges that Josh and his crew face. However, if that is all a reader gleans from this memoir, then I would suggest a re-read, as you've missed the most important part.

Josh is an adventure traveler and one of a small percentage of people that truly understands the importance of exploring the world in all of its beauty and wickedness. Not merely traveling TO a destination, but more times than not, taking the beaten, rarely used path, and finding out what a place and its people are really about. He urges people to climb out of their comfort zone, stop bitching about the miracle of air travel, and do a little exploring of their own. As someone who considers themselves a traveler (and not a tourist), I couldn't agree more. Sometimes you find the greatest memories in the most unexpected places.

Also, Chapter 14 should be required reading for anyone wishing to leave the country. It should honestly be attached to every newly issued passport.

Shelly says

Anyone who talks to me for more than five minutes knows that I love Josh Gates, I love Destination Truth, and I fangirled so hard when I heard this was coming out. (Hell, I Preordered it at B&N.) It really didn't let me down. Gates writes about various explorations that they've done, and things that have gone wrong, and things that have gone so very right. Gates was a photographer before he started working on this show, and it's demonstrated here. He's got a way with words and setting the scene that you can feel as though you're there. He writes very much the way he speaks, sarcastic and snarky with a lot of intelligence. He encourages people to get out there and travel and get lost in a new city and just go explore. Plus, he mentions Tacoma twice. Which makes me fangirl so hard, because yeah...that's like right where I live. >.> I know. Fangirl.

Overall If you like the show, sarcastic, witty narration, or just like the idea of 'monster hunting' read it.

Aprille says

I've watched all five seasons of Destination Truth, and whilst I loved the monster hunting element, I soon came to realise that what I really looked forward to in an episode was the narration of the host, Josh Gates.

So you can imagine how excited I was when I logged into Facebook one morning and caught a glimpse of this cover. He'd written a book about his adventures on the show back in 2011; I bought it off Amazon without a second thought.

The book arrived a few weeks later (due to being in Australia, everything takes a million years to cross the seas), and I dove right in. My hopes were answered; he was as good a writer as he was a host. This book is brilliantly written, and my only gripe is that it is too brief. You better keep writing, Mr Gates!

I recommend this to anyone who loves travel and foreign countries. I'm making my sceptical partner read it too, because the book focusses on the destinations and the people rather than the monsters. So now I'm suppressing the urge to take off into the desert right now, and instead forcing myself to wait for Italy next year (can't wait!!)

Fantastic read, easily achieved five stars. Perfect for anytime of day or frame of mind.

Great work, Josh!!

Crystal? says

I am a HUGE fan of Destination Truth. One of my favorite shows, ever. I still am watching reruns. Josh Gates is my favorite TV host. I have fell in love with travel and cryptozoology through him. This book goes behind the scenes on some of the expeditions. It also gives some much missed details that I am so glad I now know. Also, this is my first non fiction novel. I'm proud to say it is my first. I hope he writes about more of his travels and experiences in the future.
