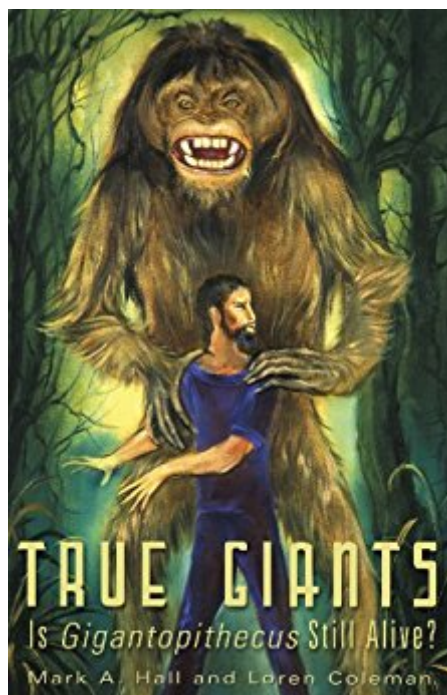


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TRUE GIANTS: Is Gigantopithecus Still Alive?



Synopsis

THE BOOK THAT BREAKS A CRYPTOZOOLOGICAL TABOO! Do giant primates larger than gorillas, taller than Sasquatch and Yetis, still exist in the remotest corners of the globe? Famed cryptozoologists Mark A. Hall and Loren Coleman join forces to share their knowledge of this unexplored and neglected topic in cryptozoology. Bigfoot researchers have long been mystified, even embarrassed, by reports of giant hairy apes larger than Bigfoot, and as a result eyewitness reports of what Hall and Coleman call True Giants have never been fully considered in the broader zoological context. Reviewing the evidence found in traditions and footprints, folklore and sightings, the authors of this groundbreaking volume present for the first time in one place the wide-ranging argument for the possible survival of a giant species of primate that we know lived on Earth for millions of years. MARK A. HALL is the author of *Thunderbirds: America's Living Legends of Giant Birds*. LOREN COLEMAN, author of *Bigfoot! The True Story of Apes in America* and *The Field Guide to Bigfoot and Other Mystery Primates*, Together they have been studying the question of True Giants and their kin for fifty years. "The authors deserve top marks for collecting all the available evidence and reviewing it even-handedly. The final product is a handsome volume, including 23 black-and-white illustrations, with all material fully sourced" | Overall, *True Giants* is a valuable addition to the literature of Sasquatchery and natural mysteries. "Michael Newton, *Fortean Times* "However you may feel about the reality of the subject, *True Giants* presents a succinct, enlightening and tremendously entertaining case for such a creature, be it genus *gigantopithecus*, one of its cousins, or some other unrecognized ape-like beast. The book doesn't make unsubstantiated claims, but lines up a delightful parade of records and reports from all across the globe, from antiquity to current date, and drops it on your doorstep so you can take from it what you will." J.T. Lindross, *Bookgasm* "True Giants is a book that is as groundbreaking as it is thought-provoking and paradigm-challenging. Hall and Coleman detail a remarkable theory " and a rich history, too " that serves to explain the many and varied accounts of huge, hairy giants in our midst. In the process of doing so, they weave a complex and fascinating story of something gigantic, something definitively monstrous but equally definitively man-like too, and something that has lived alongside us for so long, carefully shaping and sculpting our legends and folklore as it does so." Nick Redfern, *Reviews of the Mysterious Kind* "A fascinating read...one of the most unique books on Cryptozoology I've read since Sanderson's *Abominable Snowmen: Legend Come to Life*... Coleman and Hall set forth with academic eloquence, and void of flamboyance and sensationalism so characteristic within this field, a highly unique study, providing a window through which we might observe life on this planet that,

despite their tremendous size, we somehow have managed to overlook.â • â " Micah Hanks, The Gralien Report

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Customer Reviews

This is not a book about Bigfoot. Granted, Bigfoot is pretty big and could technically be considered a giant. And it does get a few mentions in the book. However, the main creatures this book is concerned with are far bigger creatures, around 3 to 6 metres tall. The authors suggest that the giants of legend could be based on real life creatures that roamed the earth. Even more incredibly, giants may still be around today as is indicated by various eyewitness reports of truly massive man-beasts. One of the most focused on giants in the book are the orang dalam- hairy giants from the jungles of Malaysia that have been sighted by large numbers of eyewitnesses. The book also discusses giant reports from other parts of the world including Europe, the Himalayas, the Americas, Africa and Oceania. True Giants are reported to often dwell in sheltered caves and to avoid humans whenever possible (understandable considering humans' often less than hospitable attitudes towards that which is different). The authors identify Bigfoot as Paranthropus and the True Giants as Gigantopithecus. I'm uncertain of the Paranthropus as Bigfoot notion (Paranthropus would have to

grow bigger and move from Africa to North America, but that could perhaps work). And as for the True Giants, while I agree that Gigantopithecus might explain a fair portion of them, especially when we consider reports of giants with gorilla-like faces, there is one thing to note. The authors point out that at least some True Giants do things like making clothing and building tools and may in ancient times have done things like herding animals and even taken up smithing. The authors seem to interpret this as the giants imitating humans.

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