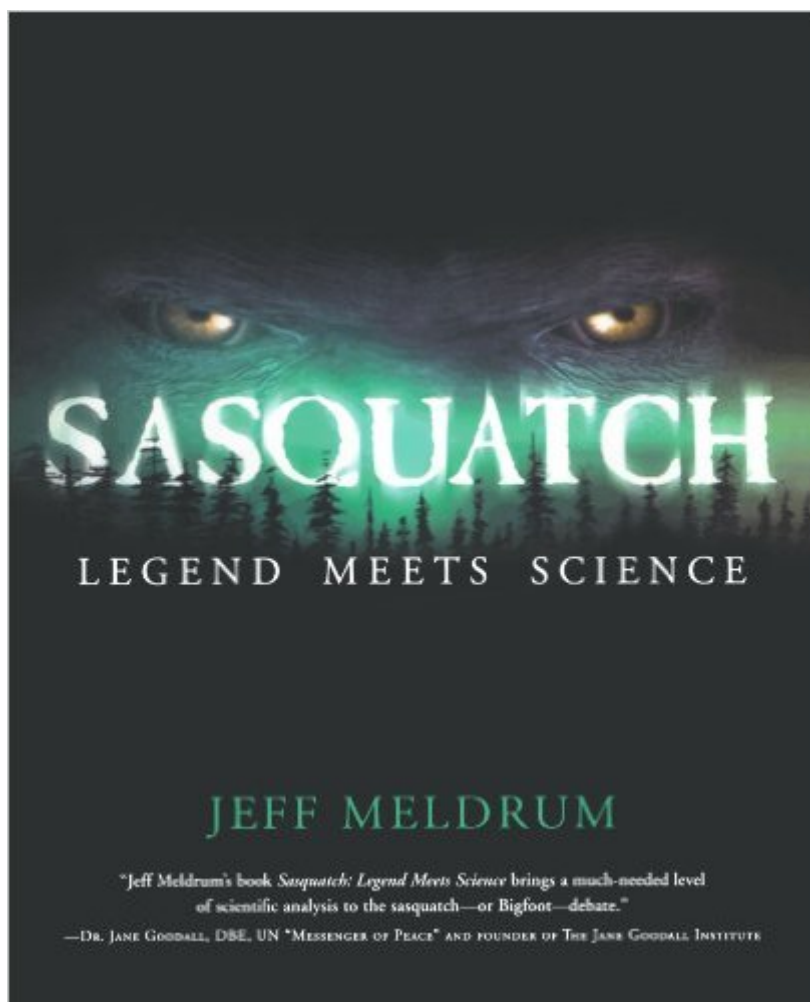


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# Sasquatch: Legend Meets Science



## Synopsis

In this landmark work on a subject too often dismissed as paranormal or disreputable, Jeffrey Meldrum gives us the first book on Sasquatch to be written by a scientist with impeccable academic credentials. He gives an objective look at the facts in a field mined with hoaxes and sensationalism. Meldrum reports on the work of a team of experts from a wide variety of fields who were assembled to examine the evidence for a large, yet undiscovered, North American primate. He reviews the long history of this mystery--which long predates the "Bigfoot" flap of the late fifties--and explains all the scientific pros and cons in a clear and accessible style, amplified by over 150 illustrations. Anyone who has pondered the mysteries of human evolution will be fascinated and eager to join Dr. Meldrum in drawing their own conclusion.

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So...Does Sasquatch exist? If not, why not? If so, what evidence supports your claim? Author Jeff Meldrum throws the gauntlet with *Sasquatch: Legend Meets Science*. His background as a specialist in vertebrate locomotion serves him well in studying a creature whose existence depends more on plaster casts of tracks than any other source. Is this tale worth any serious time, from any serious scholar? "It seems that the majority of scientists are content to remain aloof, trivialize the probability of new discovery, or presume to discredit the witnesses and the evidence, leaving to others the search for the proof, the definitive type specimen. They passively challenge, 'Show me the body'" (p. 44). "It is one thing to casually dismiss a report from the security and comfort of one's

armchair. It is quite another thing to look into the face of an experienced outdoorsman and tell him he is mistaken or worse yet, a liar. It is yet another matter, a betrayal of scientific principles, to decline to examine and consider the evidence because after all, such creatures as the sasquatch 'cannot exist, therefore they do not exist,' so why be bothered with questionable 'evidence.' And yet, such is the atmosphere that has prevailed in scientific circles" (p. 52). "Whatever the Wallaces' [re: Ray Wallace, who said he was behind the Sasquatch hoax in the infamous Patterson film] motivation, the story provides the armchair skeptic with a simplistic explanation for a complex and vexing phenomenon.

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