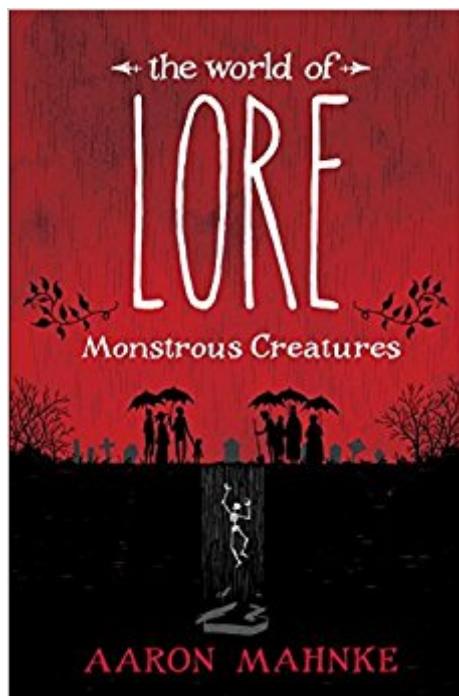


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The World Of Lore: Monstrous Creatures



Synopsis

A fascinating, beautifully illustrated guide to the monsters that are part of our collective psyche, featuring both rare and best-loved stories from the hit podcast *Lore*, soon to be an online streaming series. They live in shadowsâ "deep in the forest, late in the night, in the dark recesses of our minds. Theyâ ™re spoken of in stories and superstitions, relics of an unenlightened age, old wivesâ ™ tales, passed down through generations. Yet no matter how wary and jaded we have become, as individuals or as a society, a part of us remains vulnerable to them: werewolves and wendigos, poltergeists and vampires, angry elves and vengeful spirits.â In this beautifully illustrated volume, the host of the hit podcast *Lore* serves as a guide on a fascinatingâ journey through the history of these terrifying creatures, exploring not only the legends but what they tell us about ourselves.

Aaron Mahnke invites us to the desolate Pine Barrens of New Jersey, where the notorious winged, red-eyed Jersey Devil dwells. He delves into harrowing accounts of cannibalismâ "some officially documented, others the stuff of speculation . . . perhaps. He visits the dimly lit rooms where sÃ©ances take place, the European villages where gremlins make mischief, even Key West, Florida, home of a haunted doll named Robert. In a world of â œemotional vampiresâ • and â œzombie malls,â • the monsters of folklore have become both a part of our language and a part of our collective psyche. Whether these beasts and bogeymen are real or just a reflection of our primal fears, we know, on some level, that not every mystery has been explained and that the unknown still holds the power to strike fear deep in our hearts and souls. As Aaron Mahnke reminds us, sometimes the truth is even scarier than the lore. Praise for the *Lore* podcastâ œTruth can often be much scarier than fictionâ "something Mahnke proves as he dives deep into the world of folklore and the darker side of history in a quest to root out the fragment of truth at the bottom of our fears.â •â "Entertainment Weeklyâ œUnlike so much horror that needs over-the-top viscera to scare you, this podcast leans on historyâ "folklore, myth, the stuff people once thought was trueâ "to tell its tales.â •â "The Atlanticâ œNarrated by Mahnke in a style that evokes spooky campfire stories, *Lore* is a history lesson like no other.â •â "Esquire

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Aaron MahnkeÂ is the writer, host, and producer of Lore, as well as the author of a number of supernatural thrillers. He has a deep love of the mysterious and frightening that began with Unsolved Mysteries and The X-Filesâ "a love that continues to this day. Basically, heâ ™s a nerd for anything inexplicable or supernatural. Mahnke lives with his family in the historic North Shore area of Boston, the very heart of Lovecraft Country and the Salem witch trials.

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