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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not very entertainingBy MeganI was looking for Urban Legend books for use in my classroom. I found many written by Brunvand at a good price, so I bought the lot without previewing his work. This was a mistake on my part because his books are very academic. I was looking for stories to inspire creative writing, but these are more informational than entertaining. I was disappointed, but at the same time I recognize the value of the book. The author goes through many stories, categorically, and debunks the myths. He generally gives short versions of common stories. It was educational, but not in the way I was hoping.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Dan AVery interesting book0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Just okBy FlorenceJust ok

From the master folklorist and sly wit, Jan Brunvand, comes a collection of all-new urban legends. Did your cousin's wife's dentist's daughter go to the tanning parlor once too often and had her insides cooked? Has your husband's brother's nephew teacher try to make a dead rabbit look alive? If so, you've heardor you yourself may have toldtwo of the seventy-plus legends in this collection. Urban legends are "those bizarre but believable stories about batter-fried rats, spiders in hairdos, Cabbage Patch dolls that get funerals, and the like that pass by word of mouth as being the gospel truth." But of course, though often told as having happened to a FOAF (friend of a friend), they aren't true. Included in this collection are legends about sex, horror, cars, business, and academia. Among them are "The Bible

Student's Exam," "The Pregnant Shoplifter," "The Ice Cream Cone Caper," "Don't Mess with Texas," and "Mrs. Fields' Cookie Recipe."

From Publishers Weekly Syndicated columnist Brunvand here presents a collection of columns about legends that haunt the public consciousness but have little or no basis in fact, including tales of poisonous snakes in amusement parks, airline pilots locked out of their flight cabins and AIDS Mary, who intentionally spreads disease. PW found that "much of the material is ho-hum and all too familiar." Illustrated. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. About the Author Jan Harold Brunvand lives in Salt Lake City, where he is professor emeritus at the University of Utah. He is the author of numerous books, including *The Vanishing Hitchhiker*; *The Choking Doberman*; *The Baby Train*; *Too Good to Be True*; and *Be Afraid, Be Very Afraid*.