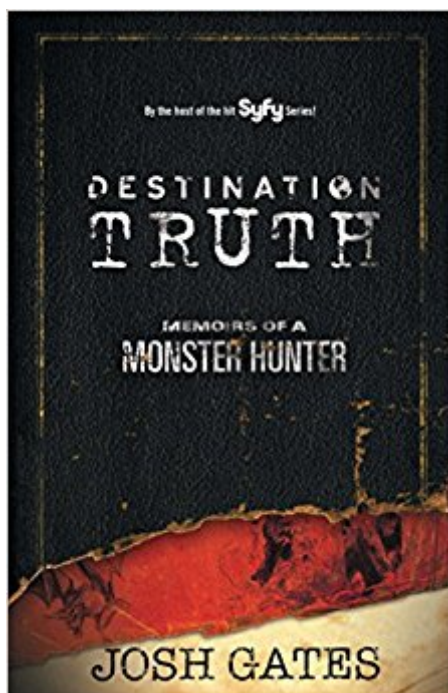


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Destination Truth: Memoirs Of A Monster Hunter



Synopsis

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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Customer Reviews

1: "We Must Go Back" Cluj, Romania, 2009 Wind is suddenly screaming into the cockpit of this aging Antonov biplane. Charts and a half-assed, handwritten flight plan whip by my face and through the cockpit door into the main cabin. In the rear of the plane our director of

photography, Evan, who has been filming out the open door, is suddenly thrust forward toward the edge of open space, only to be yanked to a stop by his four-point harness. Documents eject past him and into oblivion. The sound is deafening and the pressure change so abrupt that I try to brace my arm against the roof to steady myself. Instead, my hand is forcefully bent back by what feels like icicles slicing through my fingers, and I instinctively retract. Open air. I'm immediately overwhelmed by a terrible realization. The cockpit ceiling is gone. Our audio engineer, Mike, has the common sense to kick the pilot's door shut from his first-row seat behind me, closing off the wind tunnel coursing through the interior of the plane and sealing me into the roofless cockpit. Moments ago I was actually bored, fiddling with a camcorder to get a close-up of the plane's antiquated controls and weathered gauges, the altimeter needle quivering from the vibration of the plane's beleaguered engine. The pilot, a stout Russian in a thick wool sweater, was languidly operating the stick. Now I'm craning back to get a view of the tail stabilizer through the gaping maw above me, praying the debris from the roof hasn't clipped it on the way by. I think twice about unbuckling my harness for a better look and instead concentrate on the ground below, which is getting closer by the second. I probably shouldn't be surprised by any of this, of course. As the host of the Syfy Channel's Destination Truth, I've spent the last four years traveling to far-flung locales following reports of cryptozoological creatures and paranormal phenomena. Since there aren't exactly nonstop commercial flights leading directly to the doorsteps of the world's most enduring mysteries, I've made a career, such as it is, out of flying on board the planet's most laughably derelict aircraft. But even by my admittedly lax standards, this plane is a piece of shit. I arrived at the airfield (and I do mean field) after two straight days of begging our field producer, Allison, to procure a plane •any plane that could take us up and over the purportedly haunted Hoia Baciu Forest, the subject of our current episode. After exhausting every possible charter from here to Bucharest, she managed to find this flying Russian coffin and offered a few bucks to a local pilot to coax it back into active service. The Antonov An-2 is not the sort of plane most people would agree to climb aboard in the first place. Basically unchanged since its design in 1946, it has wings covered in fabric, not metal. The plane is a flying dinosaur, originally intended for agricultural use. A function it might still fulfill as it threatens to fertilize nearby farms with the remains of my crew. It is common in moments of potentially fatal catastrophe for the world to close in around us and become much smaller. Disaster is often countermanded by an intense focus, even if it happens to resolve on strange and seemingly arbitrary details. Looking over at the captain, I'm suddenly engrossed by his bald head.

Where once there was a comical comb-over, there is now this emancipated ribbon of hair dancing in the vortex and joyfully reaching up to the heavens. It looks like one of those inflatable noodles outside a used-car dealership. Like any pilot worth his salt, though, he seems utterly unfazed by his new coif or by our circumstances in general. Where can one buy a little of that Right Stuff bravado required to shrug off the fact that your airplane is now a convertible? When Captain Chesley Sullenberger famously ditched that crippled US Airways jet in the Hudson River after a flock of geese turned themselves into engine-flavored pÃfÃctÃfÃ©, it barely seemed to raise his pulse. He casually noted to air traffic control, Ãçâ -Ã“WeÃçâ -â„çre gonna be in the Hudson,Ãçâ -Ã” as though he was stopping off there for a cup of coffee. My distress call would have consisted of a jumbled litany of swearwords arranged in no particular order followed by an ecstatic, Ãçâ -Ã“Holy JESUS weÃçâ -â„çre going to crash into a river! MOMMY!Ãçâ -Ã” During this particular aviation mishap, I do my best to stay calm and not soil my pants. This is the best I can muster under the circumstances, and IÃçâ -â„çm feeling fairly heroic about it. The pilot adjusts the flaps and begins to bank around toward an open field. Time continues to slow down, and I think about the circumstances that brought me to this moment. How did it come to this? How on earth did I end up here, plummeting in a partially disassembled biplane toward some anonymous field in Romania? A few years ago this would have been inconceivable. But now itÃçâ -â„çs just another day at the office. I manage to catch the pilotÃçâ -â„çs gaze for only a moment; above the din he leans over and yells, Ãçâ -Ã“We must go back.Ãçâ -Ã” Indeed. We must. Five years, to be exact. Ã Å© 2011 Universal City Studios Productions, LLLP.

Yep, I'm one of those girls who has always loved myths, monsters, ghosts, etc. and never has grown up. That's why I love "Destination Truth" the TV show. I also love it because of Josh Gates and his crew...they always make you feel like you're along for the adventure in the backseat of some crummy rental car with them. I often have wished Josh would write a travelogue or something, and he finally has with this book. Thankfully, Josh writes the way he hosts the show: with intelligence, wit, and goofy humor. I read this...no, I DEVoured it in a short time and wished for more. It takes you to places you may never see and you get some insight into what it takes to make such a wild "reality" show as DT. Makes me wish I could have a couple of beers with Josh sometime and talk about archaeology, travel, monsters...and great movies of the '80's!

This is a great book, masterfully written. Right away I was drawn into the stories and the characters really came to life in this book. The stories in this book will take you all over the world, as Josh and

the Destination Truth crew chase monsters over mountains, and through swamps, to some of the least traveled locations on the planet. I myself started off as a complete skeptic, but some of the evidence they discover is hard to argue with. After reading the book I decided to check out the tv show Destination Truth, and was not disappointed. Each chapter is full of humor, wit, and adventure all pieced together with great story telling. Whether your into travel, adventure, or monster hunting, this book has something for everyone. One of the better books I have read.

A joy to read with amazing insights on travel. It's filled with great stories of his time doing Destination Truth for Scy Fy for sure but it's much more than that. There's the wisdom of a well traveled man with an amazing sense of humor and an attitude towards life that can only be gained by perspective. I already know that my fiance and I will read this book again. We just completed one full year of travel and learned a lot along the way. But Josh's book taught us things that we're ready to apply for our next year.

This was a great book, just as you would expect of something from Josh Gates, if you're a fan of the now defunct "Destination Truth" SyFy show. I'm a big fan of the show, & Josh Gates is (no surprise) a witty, believable, literate writer. I would have given this book 5 stars but for the fact that I found it to be a little short, length-wise. But, full disclosure, I especially love really long 1000-or-so page (fiction) books, so, at 272 pages, I give it 4 stars. This isn't the kind of book I normally read, I'm more of a Sci-Fi, Stephen King, James Rollins, Preston & Child kinda fan, but I figured, it's Josh Gates, & I love the show, how could I go wrong? The same goes for you- if you like the show, how can you go wrong? Get the book & read it, you'll be glad you did- especially now that the show's no longer around.

I have been a fan of Josh Gates and "Destination Truth" since the very first season. As soon as I saw he was releasing a book, it was pre-ordered. Here's the thing. I don't read. I don't like to read. I never have. But here's the other thing... Since this book arrived on Tuesday, I haven't put it down. It's just too much fun. Josh writes in a way that is very similar to how he narrates the show. The elements of humor are so prevalent that I have found myself laughing out loud quite often while reading about the adventures. What I really like was the back story about Josh and how he got started on this wonderful show. I never knew how overweight he was. I never knew he had a degree in drama...and archaeology. I never knew that he set a goal for himself of climbing Kilimanjaro. These are all things that are revealed in the first few chapters of the book. Again, I can't stress how

much fun the book is. It's just a blast to read. I find myself reading many of the pages and actually imagining Josh himself narrating what I'm reading. Overall, I highly recommend the book to anyone that's a fan of the show, a fan of monster hunting, or a fan of hilarious travel logs. Josh Gates has hit a home run with this book, and I look forward to future endeavors by him as an author. Great stuff!!!

Yes, it's true I am a fan of DESTINATION TRUTH. (the SYFY series) but I only ordered this book because of the high rating it was given by other readers. I was not disappointed..... it was a blast to read from cover to cover! YOU GO JOSH! Not only was it interesting and informative.....it was a powerful book and the very soul of Josh Gates is exposed for all to see. What a wonderful person, so interested in people everywhere! Not too shabby to look at either!! I thoroughly enjoyed the "tongue in cheek" humor on almost every page. I also enjoyed the intelligent language used to describe things as Josh (on TV) sometimes laughs at himself and appears sometimes to be a bumbling jolly goof out for a good time. What a pleasant surprise to me to find out he is actually a college graduate (Tufts) and has a degree in Archaeology and Drama! GET THIS BOOK~! now!

I am a fan of Josh Gates. He completely made Destination Truth amazing. He did the same for this book. I always worry how people write. A lot of times the sarcasm, the humour, and the personality do not transfer over to the written format. Josh Gates did not have that problem. His book reads just like his narrations, humour and all. What made it better, I kept reading it in his voice. If you are a fan of Destination Truth or Josh Gates, please read this book. You will not be disappointed.**One thing would make this better, if he did an Audible version where he actually read it**

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