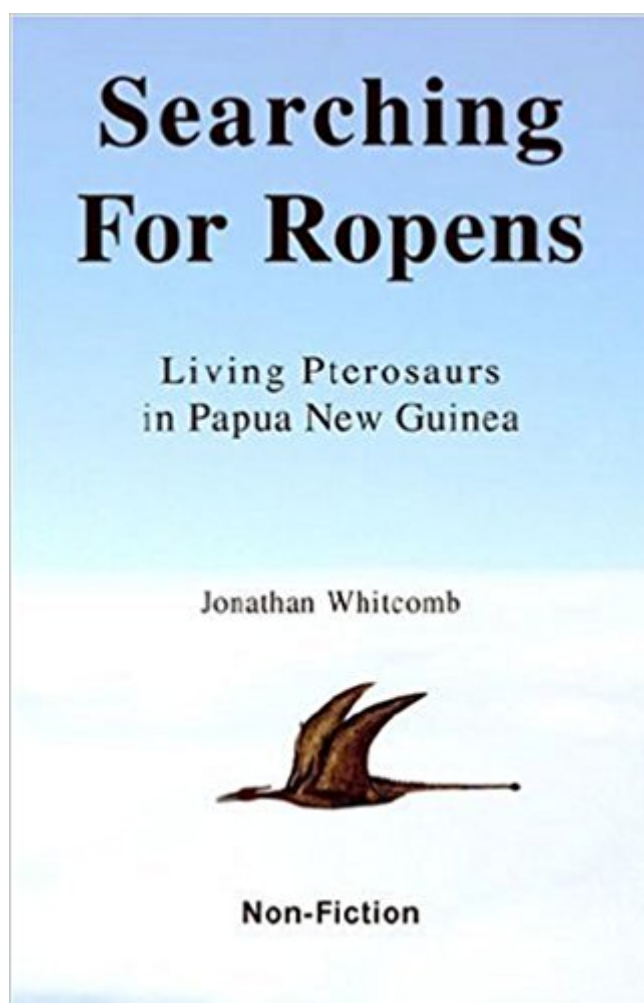


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# Searching For Ropens: Living Pterosaurs In Papua New Guinea, 1st Edition



## Synopsis

Lake Pung-Seven boys, in 1994, saw the giant ropen flying over this crater lake. An American forensic videographer, in 2004, interviewed three of the young men: The ropen has no feathers; its wingspan is at least seven meters; the mouth is "like a crocodile;" its long tail has a "diamond." An Australian couple and a U.S. World War II veteran also describe this giant "pterodactyl" of the Southwest Pacific islands. This investigation by a legal videographer penetrates to the heart of the case: Standard models of biology are at fault. Eyewitness testimonies have been examined and alternate explanations, scrutinized. The result? The ropen is a Rhamphorhynchoid pterosaur.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a book by an amateur scientist who has compiled a record of sightings of an unknown creature(s) that resembles a pterosaur (usually called a ropen in this book). First he documents his own trip to the island of Umboi in the southwest Pacific region and he then covers other sightings from fellow traveler's experiences. His documentation of a number of witnesses having seen a pterosaur like creature is substantially convincing enough to believe that one or more species of pterosaur is extant. I believe Whitcomb is a credible witness and compiler of data. In fact, he is probably a better scientist, in spite of the few errors he made in the field (which he freely admits), than some professional scientists with multiple advanced degrees. I think the author does get overly speculative at times with regard to his opinions in interpreting data, but he almost always (maybe always) makes it clear that he is making educated guesses. The appendix is very well written and would be absolutely outstanding (in my opinion) except for two points. First, he digresses into an

untenable speculation on pages 225-226 and 228-229 with regard to the age of the universe versus the age of the earth. Since, this is a book review, I won't take the time to explain why since it would take too long. In short, the author proposes accurately that the earth is probably around 6,000 years old, but that the universe is likely millions of years old (this is not correct and can be proven incorrect by several reputable sources including the Bible (Hebrew and Greek are best - not English, although it will work) and a substantial amount of cumulative forensic evidence. To the author's credit he does admit that he is speculating on this point. Nevertheless it is a totally unnecessary speculation. The second "problem" with the appendix is Whitcomb's refutation of someone he calls "Coleman." It is easy to see by reading the refutation that the book itself does an excellent job refuting Coleman, therefore the extra pages in the appendix dedicated to this topic were totally unnecessary. Other good books, for those who like this book include: Mokele-Mbembe by William Gibbons, The Ultimate Proof of Creation by Jason Lisle, and Biblical Logic by Joel McDurmon. Overall, this was a very good book and I recommend it. 263 pp.

I was pretty dissatisfied by this book. The title is good and the subject interesting, I have worked and lived in Papua New Guinea myself. But the content is not well focused, it talks about different "ropens" not only in PNG but also of sightings in the US and Australia, something that seems more and more unlikely to me, especially considering the sizes of these animals in the book. Also all the talking about how God created the world (and the ropens), Christianity etc gets pretty tiresome after reading it for the fifth time.... My advice? Do not buy it.....

"Searching for Ropens" is a well researched book. Not all cryptozoology books are written by people who have actually done so much first-hand research. I hope that in the years to come Mr. Whitcomb's book will be known as a cryptozoology classic. What is so exciting about this book is that it is not fiction! It is about the truth that skeptics do not wish to know! I am looking forward to Mr. Whitcomb's future books.

This was a gift for my daughter for Christmas. It was exactly what she wanted. If you are looking for a glitter belt, this is a nice one.

Be prepared to have your eyes opened to the mysteries yet to be discovered in God's awesome creation. This book is packed full of sightings and details of the amazing and intriguing animal known as Ropen that is found in Papua New Guinea. If you really want to know about the Ropen

you need to get this book. It's much easier to believe natives from other countries who have no reason to make up stories about dinosaurs (since they don't realize that they are supposed to be extinct) than to believe stories from people in America who use stories to get their five minutes of fame, not that they are all lying. I would give this book 10 stars if I could! This book should be in every library!!

I read the book cover to cover in the first 48 hours after I received it (it was hard to put down). The author does a great job of laying out the known facts about the Ropen. I was equally fascinated with his personal account of summoning up the courage to go on the trip in the first place. The book was as much to do about finding the courage within you to do something extraordinary as it was about a possible cryptozoological event. I might see some readers being put off by the author's personal beliefs (not me at all) but I feel it was appropriate in discovering the author's motivation for the quest. Great read that I recommend to anyone interested in cryptozoology.

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