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### **IS BIGFOOT REAL? New Novel Proposes a Unique Answer**

Peaster, TX, March 1, 2004 - Bigfoot, Sasquatch, Yeti, MoMo, Skunk Ape, Minnesota Iceman. Whatever you call it, newspapers, magazines, and websites continually report sightings ranging from the distant “something was out there” to the personal “it grabbed my arm” stories.

Two years ago near Nacogdoches, Texas, a “sasquatch type animal” chased a man’s dog and scared his daughter (according to the Sasquatch Information Society’s online database). Thirty-five years ago, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* reported on what has become known as the Lake Worth Monster under the headline “Fishy Man-Goat Terrifies Couples Parked at Lake Worth.” And these reports barely scratch the surface of the myriad sightings scattered across North America and the world. But if Bigfoot haunts our remote areas and sometimes ventures even closer, what is it and why don’t we see more of them?

Lisa A. Shiel’s new 466-page novel *The Hunt for Bigfoot* offers a plausible answer by means of an entertaining romp through Michigan’s north woods — a wild journey laced with murder, intrigue, conspiracy, romance, extraterrestrials, and a new theory of alternative history. If Bigfoot lives around us just beyond the borders of our civilized enclaves, could somebody be protecting them from our interference?

Shiel has studied the possible connections among UFO sightings, Bigfoot legends, and the fabled lost world of Atlantis. Although mainstream scientists cling tenaciously to the prevailing theories of Darwinian evolution and standard interpretations of anthropological evidence, their intractability serves to quash new research and ridicule those who propose alternatives.

With a clear grasp of conventional theories and an imaginative application of the storyteller’s art, Shiel crafts a fictional tale far more effective than dry academic treatises. Beginning with viable theories and demonstrable evidence gathered from a rigorous application of the research techniques she learned while earning a master’s degree in library science, Shiel leads the reader step-by-step to new answers to the age-old questions: who are we and where did we come from?

Regarding the kind of alternative history presented in her novel, Shiel says, “It’s the history you won’t read about in textbooks. It attempts to solve all the mysteries of our past, rather than sweeping anomalous evidence under the rug.”

In *The Hunt for Bigfoot*, website designer and would-be anthropologist Katy Gallagher and historian Charlie Bergren scour the Earth for evidence that current evolutionary theories are flawed. Their quest turns dangerous when Katy is threatened and Charlie vanishes. Katy joins forces with Charlie's son, amateur Egyptologist Rick Bergren, to find Charlie. Plunging into the depths of Michigan's north woods, they tumble into a double edged mystery – a hidden Bigfoot society protected by an ancient race with highly advanced technology who will stop at nothing to keep their secrets and a mysterious billionaire willing, for his own reasons, to kill to preserve the Bigfoot legend. To stay alive, Katy and Rick must unravel an enigma half a billion years in the weaving. They must find the creatures science says cannot exist.

That's the story, but does the real evidence support such seemingly wild claims?

"Evidence from sightings points to the intelligence of these creatures," Shiel points out. "In the book, my heroine discovers the creatures possess far greater intelligence than anyone has credited them with, a realization that has astounding implications."

*The Hunt for Bigfoot* is the first in the Human Origins Series published by Slipdown Mountain Publications, to be followed soon by the sequel: *Lord of the Dead*.

Copies may be purchased on Amazon.com at the list price of \$19.95 or direct from the publisher toll-free at (877) 388-5227 or online at [www.SlipdownMountain.com](http://www.SlipdownMountain.com) for the special introductory price of \$15.95.

Slipdown Mountain Publications began operations in August 2003 near Slipdown Mountain, the highest point in Parker County, Texas. *The Hunt for Bigfoot* represents the publisher's first novel, with several more scheduled for release in 2004. Slipdown Mountain Publications also distributes the successful aviation history book *Cessna Warbirds* by Walt Shiel.

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