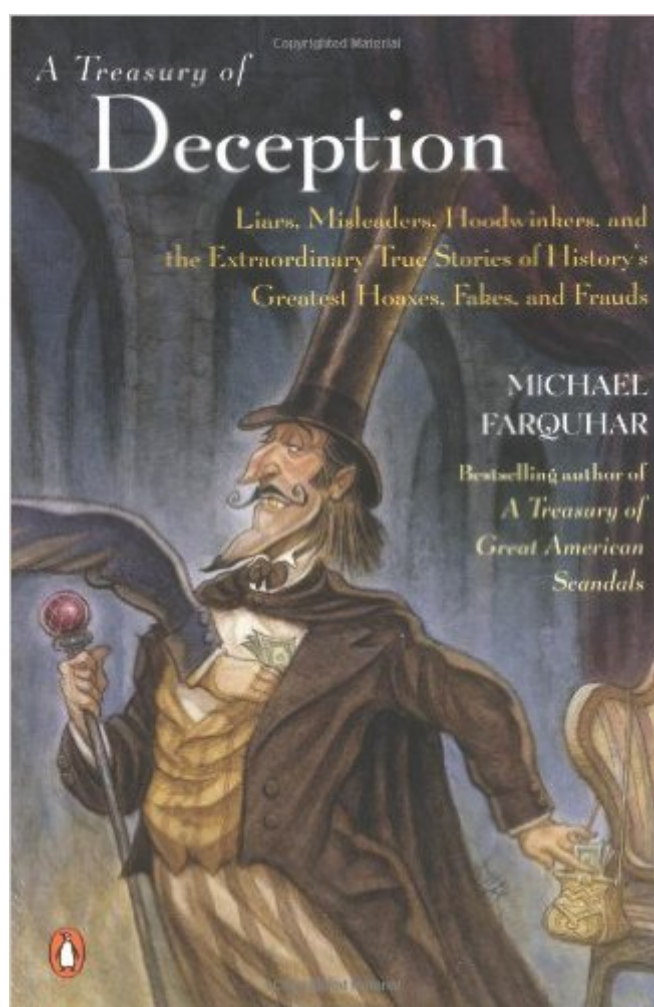


The book was found

A Treasury Of Deception: Liars, Misleaders, Hoodwinkers, And The Extraordinary True Stories Of History's Greatest Hoaxes, Fakes And Frauds



Synopsis

We may say that honesty is the best policy, but historyâto say nothing of business, politics, and the mediaâsuggests otherwise. In this infinitely citable book, the author of two bestselling treasuries of scandal recounts some of the greatest deceptions of all time. With what forged document did the Vatican lay claim to much of Europe? Who wrote Hitlerâs diaries? Why do millions still believe the vague doggerel that Nostradamus passed off as prophecy? Organizing his material by theme (con artists, the press, military trickery, scientific fraud, imposters, great escapes, and more), Michael Farquhar takes in everything from the hoodwinking of Hitler to Vincent & the Chinâ Giganteâs thirty-year crazy act. A Treasury of Deception is a zestful, gossipy exposä and celebrationâof mendacity. A Treasury of Deception also includes: Ten tricksters from scripture Ten great liars in literature Ten egregious examples of modern American doublespeak Ten classic deceptions from Greek mythology

Book Information

Paperback: 304 pages

Publisher: Penguin Books; 1st edition (May 31, 2005)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0143035444

ISBN-13: 978-0143035442

Product Dimensions: 5.4 x 0.6 x 8 inches

Shipping Weight: 8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.3 out of 5 starsä See all reviewsä (29 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #342,860 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #283 inä Books > Humor &

Entertainment > Trivia & Fun Facts #284 inä Books > Humor & Entertainment > Humor > Political

#3458 inä Books > History > Historical Study & Educational Resources

Customer Reviews

The famous and the anonymous infamous are included in this light account of great liars of history. There are commoners who claim to be kings when they are conveniently absent. Leading the pack is the story of imperious, obnoxious Anastasia, reputed daughter of Czar Nicholas of Russia, subject of an Ingrid Bergman movie. Anastasia was committed to mental institutions late in life and is still believed by diehards to be the lone surviving Romanov despite DNA tests that proved the contrary. There are scientific frauds like the lady who gave birth to bunnies or the Piltdown Man, the numerous literary frauds like the Hitler diaries and Clifford Irving's hoax biography of Howard

Hughes. There's the story of the evil Elders of Zion hoax about supposed Jewish plans for world domination invented by the Czar's secret police to justify their pogroms (and a perennial favorite of microcephalic antisemites ever since), the Southern slave who mailed himself to freedom in New England, the reprehensible Jerry Falwell blaming 9/11 on gays, lesbians, pagans, and others he didn't like, journalistic hoaxes, and more. Enough to inspire any liar. One of Farquahr's more entertaining stories is from Nazi Germany, although actually widely regarded itself as a hoax based on Berlin water-cooler storytelling. The story is that a few years before the war began, Nazi intelligence, which anticipated war with Stalin's Soviet Union, called in all the letters from the Russians that had been accumulated in the beaurocracy's files. By judicious culling, they assembled a sheaf of documents which required only a couple outright forgeries to convey a tale of conspiracy involving the Soviet Army's appeal for German neutrality in an overthrow of Stalin.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

A Treasury of Deception: Liars, Misleaders, Hoodwinkers, and the Extraordinary True Stories of History's Greatest Hoaxes, Fakes and Frauds True Ghost Stories And Hauntings: Horrifying True Paranormal Hauntings From The Last 300 Years: Creepy True Ghost Stories And Accounts (True Ghost Stories, True Paranormal, Bizarre True Stories) Bizarre True Stories: Weird And Unusual True Stories Of The Paranormal, Strange Sightings, Eerie True Ghost Stories And Unexplained Phenomena (True Paranormal ... True Ghost Stories And Hauntings) Ghost Stories: Petrifying True Ghost Stories Of The Undead And Their Supernatural Tales (Ghost Stories, True Ghost Stories, Conspiracy Theories, True Ghost ... And Hauntings, Haunted Asylums, Book 1) Ouija Board Stories: Chilling True Horror Stories Of Ouija Boards Gone Wrong (Ouija Board Stories, Ghost Stories, True Horror Stories, Ouija Board Nightmares, Haunted Places Book 1) True Bigfoot Stories: Horrifying Encounters Of Bigfoot Horror: What Would You Do? What's The Truth? (True Bigfoot Stories, Cryptozoology, True Bigfoot ... True Bigfoot Encounters, Predator Book 1) Bizarre True Stories: Weird and Unusual True Stories of the Paranormal, Strange Sightings, Eerie True Ghost Stories and Unexplained Phenomena True Bigfoot Stories: Eyewitness Accounts Of Killer Bigfoot Encounters: Terrifying Stories Of Sasquatch Creatures (True Bigfoot Stories, True Bigfoot Horror, Conspiracy Theories, Conspiracies Book 1) Mind Control Mastery 4th Edition: Successful Guide to Human Psychology and Manipulation, Persuasion and Deception! (Mind Control, Manipulation, Deception, ... Psychology, Intuition, Manifestation,) Cyber Denial, Deception and Counter Deception: A Framework for Supporting Active Cyber Defense (Advances in Information Security) True Crime: Deadly Serial Killers And Grisly Murder Stories From The Last 100 Years: True Crime Stories From The Past (Serial Killers True Crime) Don't Be a Jerk: And Other Practical Advice from

Dogen, Japan's Greatest Zen Master - A Radical but Reverent Paraphrasing of Dogen's Treasury of the True Dharma Eye Modern Book Collecting: A Basic Guide to All Aspects of Book Collecting: What to Collect, Who to Buy from, Auctions, Bibliographies, Care, Fakes and ... Investments, Donations, Definitions, and More A Treasury of Royal Scandals: The Shocking True Stories History's Wickedest, Weirdest, Most Wanton Kings, Queens, Tsars, Popes, and Emperors A Treasury of Hadith: A Commentary on Nawawi's Selection of Prophetic Traditions (Treasury in Islamic Thought and Civilization) Simon & Schuster Crostic Treasury #3 (Simon & Schuster's Crostics Treasury Series) Pretty Little Liars: Too Cold For Snow (Kindle Worlds Novella) (Emily and Paige '74 Book 6) The Patron Saint of Liars All the Little Liars: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery True Crime: The Worlds Weirdest And Most Vicious Killers Of All Time: True Crime Stories Of The Sick Minded Killers (Serial Killers True Crime Book 2)

[Dmca](#)