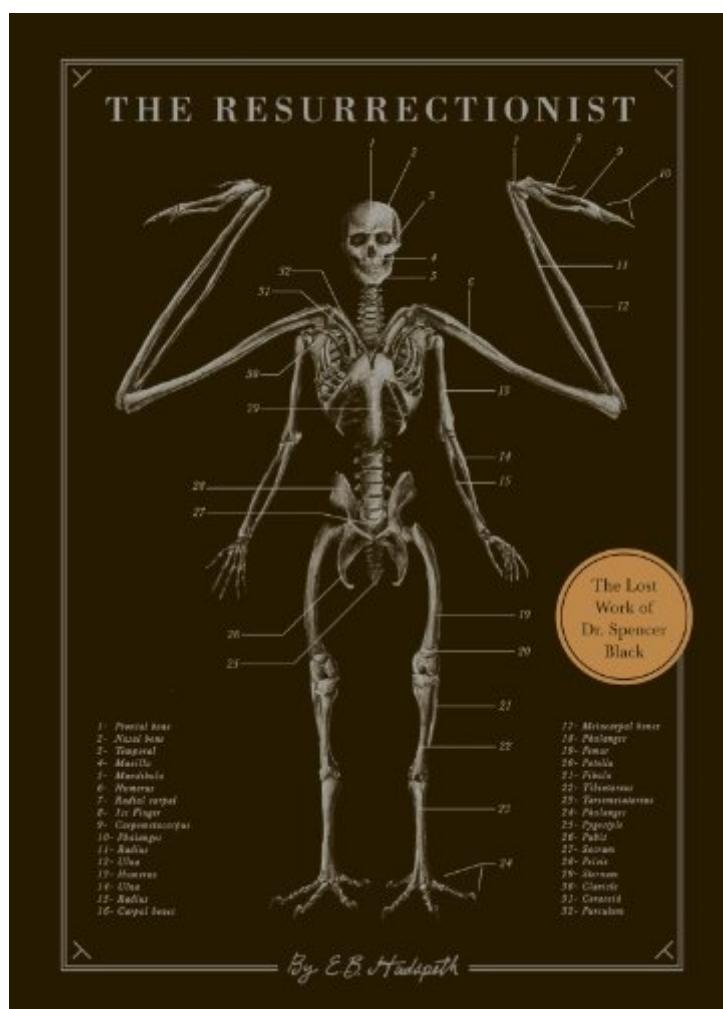


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Synopsis

Philadelphia, the late 1870s. A city of gas lamps, cobblestone streets, and horse-drawn carriages—home to the controversial surgeon Dr. Spencer Black. The son of a grave robber, young Dr. Black studies at Philadelphia's esteemed Academy of Medicine, where he develops an unconventional hypothesis: What if the world's most celebrated mythological beasts—mermaids, minotaurs, and satyrs—were in fact the evolutionary ancestors of humankind? The Resurrectionist offers two extraordinary books in one. The first is a fictional biography of Dr. Spencer Black, from a childhood spent exhuming corpses through his medical training, his travels with carnivals, and the mysterious disappearance at the end of his life. The second book is Black's magnum opus: The Codex Extinct Animalia, a Gray's Anatomy for mythological beasts—dragons, centaurs, Pegasus, Cerberus—all rendered in meticulously detailed anatomical illustrations. You need only look at these images to realize they are the work of a madman. The Resurrectionist tells his story.

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Thus is a book that may appeal to sociopaths. The protagonist spends his time grafting parts of one animal on to another in the name of science. He has no regard for the pain and distress that this causes the animal. It almost makes the reader nauseated. Read this book at your own risk and prepare yourself for nightmares. Basically this story is amoral.

Granddaughter loved.

Best book for reading and drawing the anatomy of mythological creatures.

I got this as a gift for my friend when I was at a loss. Luckily he found this book not only intriguing but also a huge help for his growing story. I'm just jealous I didn't buy one for myself as well.

Decent story but honestly purchased for the artwork. The detail in the bone and muscle structures of the mythical creatures is absolutely phenomenal.

Very interesting read, also a good ref for mythical anatomy.

The story, though fictional, conveys compelling evidence for the many possibilities of human evolutionary history. However, that is not to say one should interpret the readings of this short novel as literal truth but as mere questions of possibility. Mythology can usually be linked to some form of the truth. So, why should these possibilities be ruled out? Nonetheless, this was an incredibly interesting read, especially for those who dare to question the many possibilities of the human origin.

The art in this book is fantastic, my teen children were fascinated by the drawings. but the story was just a little dull and the "Wow" at the end had no wow factor at all for us. We kept it for awhile to browse the pictures and have gotten rid of it now. I wouldn't have bought it given what I know now but I would have ordered it from the library repeatedly.

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