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The Cryptid Catcher is the first book in a monstrosly fun middle-grade duology by Lija Fisher about a boy who inherits a job hunting legendary creatures.

After Clivo Wren's archaeologist father dies mysteriously, the newly orphaned thirteen-year-old finds out the truth: his dad was no archaeologist. He was actually a cryptid catcher, known for finding elusive beasts like the bloodsucking chupacabra. His goal: discover the one extraordinary cryptid whose blood grants immortality—before the knowledge falls into the wrong hands.

The mission remains unfinished, and now there's only one person who can take the renowned cryptid catcher's place: Clivo. He may not know the first thing about monster hunting, but he's willing to give it a try—because anything beats staying home with his salsa-crazy aunt and her neurotic cats.

The Cryptid Catcher Details

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Cara says

This was pretty good. I have a soft spot for cryptid books. The idea of cryptids is pretty cool, and I like reading about them. Clivo was a strong character. I want to read more about everyone in the book.

Keegan says

What an enjoyable, fun read! Reminds me of a combination of The Goonies but with a Monster of The Week style flair to it.

In The Cryptid Catcher, Lija Fisher writes about Clivo a young man, who discovers an amazing secret about his father that changes his life, and makes him questions everything he thought he knew about his family. He sets out on a journey to fulfill the destiny his father chose for him and make new friends along the way. It is funny, exciting, and extremely clever. It features a diverse cast of different kids that almost anyone can find one to identify with. I found myself cheering Clivo on and worrying for him during harder decisions he had to make. I cannot wait to read more about his journey.

Samantha Clark says

This is such a fun book. It reminded me a bit of Eion Colfer's Artemis Fowl series as the MC jets off around the world for adventures...

But I don't want to give spoilers, so let me just say that in THE CRYPTID CATCHER, Lija Fisher tells the story of young Clivo who, after his father dies, discovers an amazing secret that will change his life and send him on a mission to save the world. There's humor, fun gadgets, fighting against the bad guys, and really smart kids.

I read an ARC of this book with no expectation of a review, and I look forward to reading the second in the series.

Merrill Wyatt says

A fun and adventurous novel perfect for middle grade readers into both humor and action! Clivo Wren has to learn how to be a cryptid catcher (someone who tracks down mythical creatures) while also figuring out who he can trust - and who he can't. Full of suspense and some laugh-out-loud funny moments, this one is sure to be a winner with the kids.

Kim Tomsic says

Fans of Rick Riordan will love this book!

It's STRANGER THINGS meets the hunt for Big Foot, Nessie, and other cryptids, a.k.a. animals from folklore that may actually exist! In this hilarious novel, 13-year-old Clivo's parents didn't raise him to be an A+ student, they were too busy teaching him jujitsu, marksmanship, and foreign language skills--Clivo speaks English, Russian, Japanese, Arabic, and Hindustani! They also trained him to think of clever ways to get around rules. With his Ultra Elite Diamond American Express card and his team of teen geniuses, he uses his quick wit and chases adventure to find the most sought after cryptid before it lands in the wrong hands. Basically, Clivo is saving humanity!

Like I said, fans of Rick Riordan will love this book. If you're looking for a bit of danger and magic, this is the book for you.

Amanda Rawson Hill says

I read this book aloud to my daughter and she LOVED it. She's now obsessed with Nessie. And when we finished she shouted, "THERE BETTER BE A SEQUEL!" So I'd say it was a hit.

Shari says

Lija Fisher's middle-grade debut *The Cryptid Catcher* is a fast-paced, exciting adventure. Kids will love learning about the different cryptids - some familiar like the Yeti and Loch Ness Monster, and others I'd never heard of, like the Otterman. I enjoyed the unique twist on a well-loved fantasy trope, and I'm looking forward to spending more time with Clivo and the gang in the sequel! Clivo is a main character you can't help loving - he's like a young Indiana Jones - and the supporting cast, kids who are not normally portrayed as heroes, are given the spotlight. I found myself constantly changing my mind about whether some characters were good or bad as the story progressed. *The Cryptid Catcher* is a fun, rollicking mystery-adventure that 3rd-6th graders will love.

Michelle Murphy says

I enjoy young adult fiction as well as the fantasy-adventure genre and this book is a hit on both accounts. I've not read any books centered around cryptid characters before and enjoyed the inclusion of the familiar Lochness legend. The main characters are enjoyable and believable and the writing is crisp with a good pace.

Debby Miller says

This is a young adult book about a teen who takes after his dad to hunt mythological creatures. Fast paced and creative.

Rachel says

Clivo Wren is only taking up the family business when he becomes a cryptid hunter at age 13, after his father's death, but he may have taken on more than he knows how to handle. After all, he just found out cryptids really do exist – is he really ready to track and catalog them? Humanity as we know it may be on the line if Clivo isn't up for the task of finding the rumored "immortal" cryptid, so with the help of several trustworthy friends, and a few more less-than-trustworthy colleagues, he sets out to catch whatever cryptids he can. Teenagers with plenty of dry humor and monster-hunting lore make this a delightful read that's less scare and more dare.

Tara Gilboy says

This is such an incredibly fun book -- I couldn't put it down! Not only is this book action packed, but it's full of humor as well. Clivo is a great protagonist, and all the secondary characters are wonderfully-drawn as well: from his salsa-dancing aunt, to the mysterious (and always-grumpy) Douglas Chancery, to the group of super-smart kids Clivo meets along the way. I love that the kids drive the action in this exciting middle grade. It reminds me a bit of Rick Yancy's *The Monstrumologist*. The stakes are high as Clivo sets out to catch cryptids and save the world. I can't wait to read the next one in the series.

Sasha K says

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I wanted to love this, but couldn't. I liked how distinct the personalities were for each of the team members. I liked the literary and pop culture references, but some of the plot was too long. Some of the suspension of belief took me out of this world. Love the idea tho.

Rachel says

My 11 year old daughter and I like to read together, and this was a perfect adventure to read aloud. Lija's sense of humor comes out with her characters, as well a marvelous sense of play and fun. I think a lot of adults will enjoy this book as well as young adults! Read it aloud, make fun character voices!!!
