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In the early 1990s people around the small town of Elkhorn, Wisconsin, claimed to see strange, hairy, wolf-headed creatures that sometimes walked upright and seemed not afraid of man. The canid sensation was soon dubbed Beast of Bray Road, after the location of the first reported sightings. Author Linda Godfrey began investigating this story and soon found herself in the middle of a national sensation. Nobody has ever been able to prove whether the beast is a flesh-and-blood werewolf or will-o'-the-wisp, demon dog, or noble animal. But the author gives the reader plenty to chew on. Make up your own mind, if you do so at all, only after the marrow has been extracted and well digested.

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Helen says

A fun read for anyone who is interested in cryptozoology, and especially if the reader is also from Wisconsin. The author does a good job of reporting on local sightings of strange creatures as well as giving a broader overview of werewolf lore; and she does so with a good deal of humor!

Sandy says

Author did a good job of reporting her interviews and findings. Made me consider that there's something out there. Now I want to know more about dogman.

Ian Barrera says

Back in the early 1990's there were many sightings of a strange creature that roamed around Elkhorn Wisconsin's country side. If you are from Wisconsin mostly likely you heard of this famous tale.

Dani says

Fun book about werewolf sightings in Wisconsin. The author is very level headed (and funny) and has done her research.

Alex Bledsoe says

This book ostensibly relates the stories of a werewolf-type creature seen in rural Wisconsin. Since the sightings were both brief and few, the book is mostly digression into historical precedent and speculation, as well as documenting the author's attempt to wrest a movie deal from the material. Its largest flaw, to me, is the author's total acceptance of eyewitness accounts as always genuine and accurate. The writing itself is well-done, and if you're interested in the topic, it seems a thorough gathering of the few available facts.

Art says

In Wisconsin, some residents have reported seeing a creature that looks sort of like a werewolf. It's been sited along Bray Road a number of times. The author recounts the stories with a great deal of humor. She does believe the eye witnesses have seen something unusual. But, not wanting to be "dogmatic," she doesn't take sides on what the eyewitnesses may be seeing. A really fun, but spooky, read!

Sharon Hill says

A fairly well-written account of how this beast blossomed into a national story. Disappointed about the poor sources - mostly general books and non-credible websites - which is strange for a journalist. I would quibble with several assertions, for example, why were large black cats even mentioned as they certainly don't fit. I wished for more serious research than this. It's the only decent source out there but rather weak overall.

David Veith says

3.0 1st half of the book got a 4.0, 2nd half was more like a 2.25. Still an enjoyable read though. Lots of werewolf stories through out history and more recent sightings and other tidbits. The 1st half was more of the local legend itself and eyewitness accounts and what not. The 2nd half started out ok with other stories in history, but author kept talking about his screenplay that never got going. Not really part of werewolf lore.

Gerald Matzke says

Linda Godfrey presents an entertaining study of the topic of wolf-like creatures like the one that was sighted in her home area of Southwest Wisconsin. The history of such creatures was well-researched, citing appearances around the country and in other parts of the world. She got into this subject as a small-town journalist simply reporting local stories but the accounts got picked up by other agencies and she has become somewhat of an expert on such things. In spite of her notoriety in the field of cryptozoology, her writing style is simple and often lighthearted which makes this an enjoyable read. Those who have heard her speak say that her presentations have the same flavor. I look forward to reading more of her work.

Dilliwag says

I've been waiting to read this book for quite some time. When I finally tracked it down via interlibrary loan, I dug in with great anticipation. I'm almost finished with the book--only 15 pages to go--and I find myself disappointed. The author does a nice job of pulling together the various "werewolf" sightings throughout Wisconsin's history. As she did a great deal of fieldwork in relation to contemporary sightings, this is definitely the strength of the book. Where the book falls short, however, is when Godfrey shifts out of reporting and delves into the paranormal, folklore studies, and mythology. I realize this isn't her forte, but her research doesn't go much beyond books you'll find in just about any well stocked store. I wish she'd turned to some of the academic work found in these area--I suspect there's a wealth of information waiting to be unearthed.

All that said, *The Beast of Bray Road*, is a fun, if not all that intellectually engaging, read. Based on Godfrey's information, I hope to make a WI werewolf tour in the near future.

Sarah Bailey says

Interesting read, a good overview, informative
