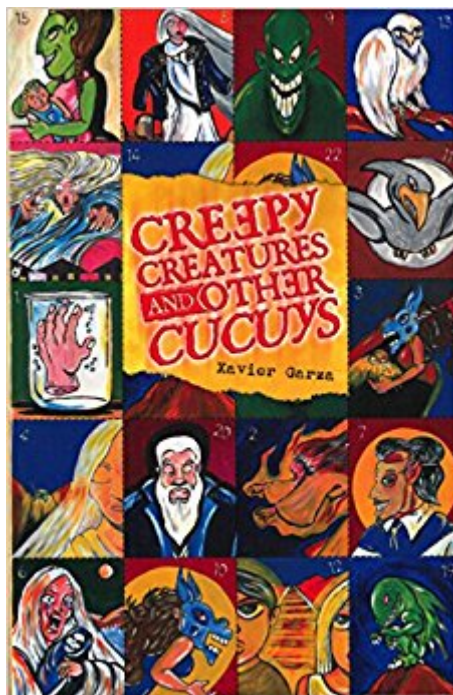


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Creepy Creatures And Other Cucuys



Synopsis

Have you ever been too scared to sleep with the lights off? Were you frightened by a scratching sound inside of your walls or the beady red eyes and knotted green fingers of a duende? In his first collection of scary stories, Xavier Garza asks these questions. The stories in this collection curdle with the creepy and crawling characters of traditional folklore. These stories brim with the supernatural: the mysterious disappearance of children who made deals with duendes, evil trolls who live inside the walls of our houses; the ghostly specter of La Llorona who floats along the creek bed, howling, ¡Ay, mis hijos!; witches that turn into great white owls; a severed hand that hurtles across floors and catches a death grip; and even the Devil himself harvesting wayward souls. These are all cucuys, supernatural beings who have come to haunt the imagination in these tales of wonder and warning. These delicious and frightful stories come down through generations of grandmas teaching children to respect the laws of nature and the All Powerful. These particular spooky cucuys are recounted and illustrated by master storyteller Xavier Garza, just the way he heard them at the knees of other masters when he was growing up in South Texas. Garza has preserved just the right gory detail and startling surprise to frighten the socks off you. And he always insists that you learn your lesson and take heed, or else...

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Born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley, Xavier Garza is a prolific author, artist and storyteller whose work focuses primarily on his experiences growing up in the small border town of Rio Grande City. Graduating from UT Pan American in 1994 with a BFA in Art, Xavier Garza has exhibited his art and performed his stories in venues through out Texas, Phoenix, Arizona and Spokane, Washington. He is currently at work in a sequel to Cucuys and is also producing new bodies of work, "Adventures in Mexican Wrestling," a collection of stories that focuses on Mexico's lucha libre and its masked heroes and villains, and a children's book titled "El Chupacabras, Alias El Big Bird." Xavier Garza and his wife live in San Antonio.

Ideal for kids that want or need to know more about Mexican tales, such as la llorona, el chupacabras, el ropavejero

Great for my professional library.

I love a lot of his other books and I have most of them. My only question is: Is this book appropriate for younger kids? (6-7 years?) I teach first grade and I'd love to get this book but I'm wondering if the kiddos wouldn't be too frightened.

Love this book so much wish was a made into a movie this story are far the best
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This was a fun read, creepy but in a fun way. I really enjoyed the book, and children will love the just right blend of humor, horror and shock!

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