Loch Ness Monster; recommend booklist by Stephen Fowler:

*Loch Ness Monster*, Tim Dinsdale. A true story, and first-hand account. Inspired by the famous 'surgeon's photograph' Dinsdale travels to Loch Ness in search of the monster. Will he find him/her? Read and find out! (this is one of my favourite books on the subject).

*Monstrum!, Tony ‘Doc’ Sheils*. Sheils the modern-monster hunter, surrealist, artist, theatrical entrepreneur (in the mould of Ken Campbell), shaman and Punch & Judy professor. In 1977 he initiated the ‘Monstermind’ project, organising an international group of psychics and magicians to raise up the denizens of dark lakes around the world. An insane read.

*The Loch Ness Mystery Solved*, Ronald Binns. What do religious creationists, the Victorian pastime of clifftop sea monster spotting, fossils and King Kong have in common? According to Ronald Binns they all contributed to the making of a monster. Binns peels ‘back fifty years of received wisdom, legend and anecdote’ looking anew ‘at the riddles posed by the photographic evidence, and a re-examination of the results produced by sonar and other underwater devices’ to explode the monster myth. Binns ends by daring to ask the question; *why do we have a need to invent monsters?* A great read – highly recommended.

*The Loch Ness Story*, Nicholas Witchell. Written during the early 1970s, at the height of Monster fervour, (Nessie was even debated in the house of commons), and with a foreword by the naturalist and author, Gerald Durrell of ‘My Family and other Animals’ fame, Witchell (you might know him as a BBC news reader and Royal correspondent, whom Prince Charles notoriously called ‘awful’, stating in 2007 “I can’t bear that man”), sets out to compile a (rather dry) comprehensive history of the monster sightings “and the endeavours of the many who have sought the solution to Loch Ness’s ‘uncanny secret’.

Supporting Material – extra reads

*A Bestiary of the Bizarre Monsters*, Christopher Dell. Thames & Hudson.

*Curiosity, Art and the Pleasures of Knowing*, Brian Dillon. Hayward Publishing – beautifully bound catalogue for the Turner Contemporary Exhibition of the same name, featuring the photographic work of Gerald Byrne and his decade-long Loch Ness project – check him out!

*Cryptozoology, Out of Time and Place*, Mark H.C. Bessire & Raechell Smith. Myth, science, fraud and imagination are the space where cryptozoology and contemporary art collide. The curators, artists and writers present an environment reminiscent of the curio cabinet and the Museum of Jurassic Technology, considering life and mystery as inseparable in a contemporary exhibition. An excellent exhibition catalogue, (lots of pictures, great text!) It’ll inspire each and every one of you. Features work by artists including, Mark Dion, Ellen Lesperance & Jeanine Oleson. Essays by Sean Foley, Loren Coleman and others.

*Animal Fakes and Frauds*, Peter Dance. “Gives fascinating details of ingenious hoaxes which have fooled the public and shaken the some of the most respectable scientific institutions to
their very foundations. This is the first book to describe these man-made monsters and to give details of their creation. Do you still believe in the Duck-Billed platypus? “

*Living Wonders: Mysteries and Curiosities of the Animal World, John Michell & Bob Rickard.* Excellent overview of various cryptozoological phenomena, including living dinosaurs. Rickard went on to pen the book, ‘Lake Monsters’, it’s in my ’to read’ list.


### The Loch Ness Monster Jukebox


*Loch Ness Monster, King Horror:* [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9-v7knDLzc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9-v7knDLzc)

(WARNING, play when the neighbours are out!)

*The Monster of Loch Ness, Robin Hall & Jimmy McGregor:* [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8sq-T-3aTWs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8sq-T-3aTWs)

*Loch Ness Monster, Jad & David Fair:* [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7oT5P6-oHQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7oT5P6-oHQ)

*Loch Ness Monster, Alastair McDonald:* [https://open.spotify.com/track/5c5k6YSkbBiNAa2FkaZz3c](https://open.spotify.com/track/5c5k6YSkbBiNAa2FkaZz3c)

*Theme to Jaws, John Williams:* [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lV8i-pSVMaQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lV8i-pSVMaQ)

See overleaf for some visual examples of book covers…
Stephen Fowler’s visually inspired booklist…

- **Tim Dinsdale**
  - *Loch Ness Monster*
  - Revised Edition

- **Ronald Binns**
  - *The Loch Ness Mystery Solved*
  - Explodes the myths around the monster
    - Dundee Courier

- **Dennis L. Meredith**
  - *Search At Loch Ness*
  - The Expedition of The New York Times and the Academy of Applied Science

- **F. W. Holiday**
  - *The Great Orm of Loch Ness*
  - A provocative answer to the ancient question: Is the Loch Ness monster fact or fantasy?