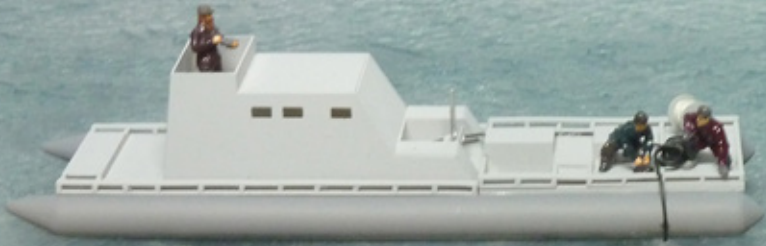
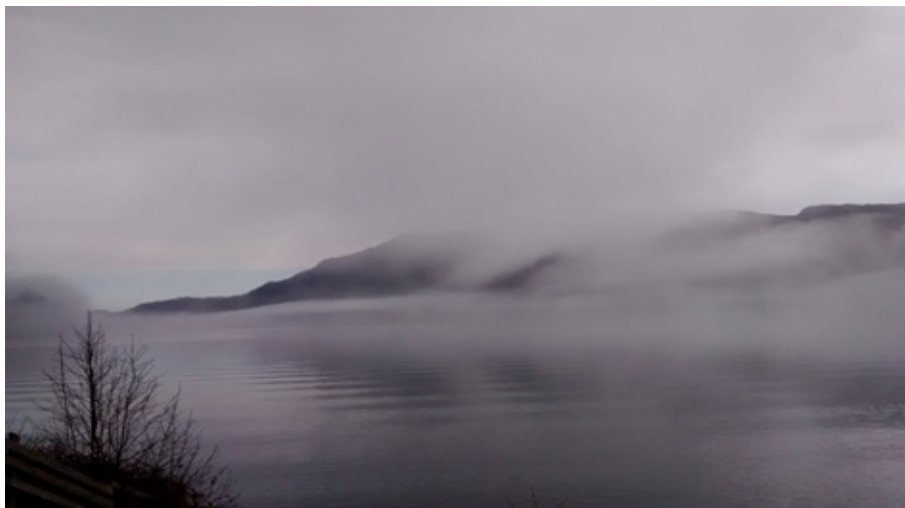


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*An in-depth interrogation of the mystery of Loch Ness
by the Loch Ness Investigation Bureau Rebooted 2017*



John Ford, LNIBR member: scanning the loch - early morning shift, Friday 10th March 2017, Fort Augustus, 5.56am.



Loch Ness Monster Seen Again – Disporting in the Moonlight.

Kate Bernstein, LNIBR member: sighting Friday 10th March 2017 night watch, lochside at Fort Augustus, 10.48pm.

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On 9th March 2017, a research party of 13 members met in Fort Augustus, Scotland. The Loch Ness Investigation Bureau (officially formed in 1961 and closed in 1972) was rebooted in early 2017 after a myriad of monster sightings in lakes, rivers and seas from Denmark and Sweden to Germany, and even in Minnesota, USA.

The newly formed Loch Ness Investigation Bureau Rebooted (LNIBR) research team had five days in which to conduct an investigation of Loch Ness, keeping watch day and night. A fortunate encounter with the naturalist and Loch Ness researcher Adrian Shine of The Loch Ness Project in Drumnadrochit on 11th March brought insights into the team's quest through the generous sharing of his expertise.

The investigative report here is supplemented by the many sightings recorded and printed in this publication. These sightings have been sent in by individual witnesses and will over time be validated through stringent testing by the LNIBR.

Alongside the photographic evidence presented, we publish for the first time a bibliography of new editions on the subject of the Loch Ness Monster sent in by authors, researchers and the general public.

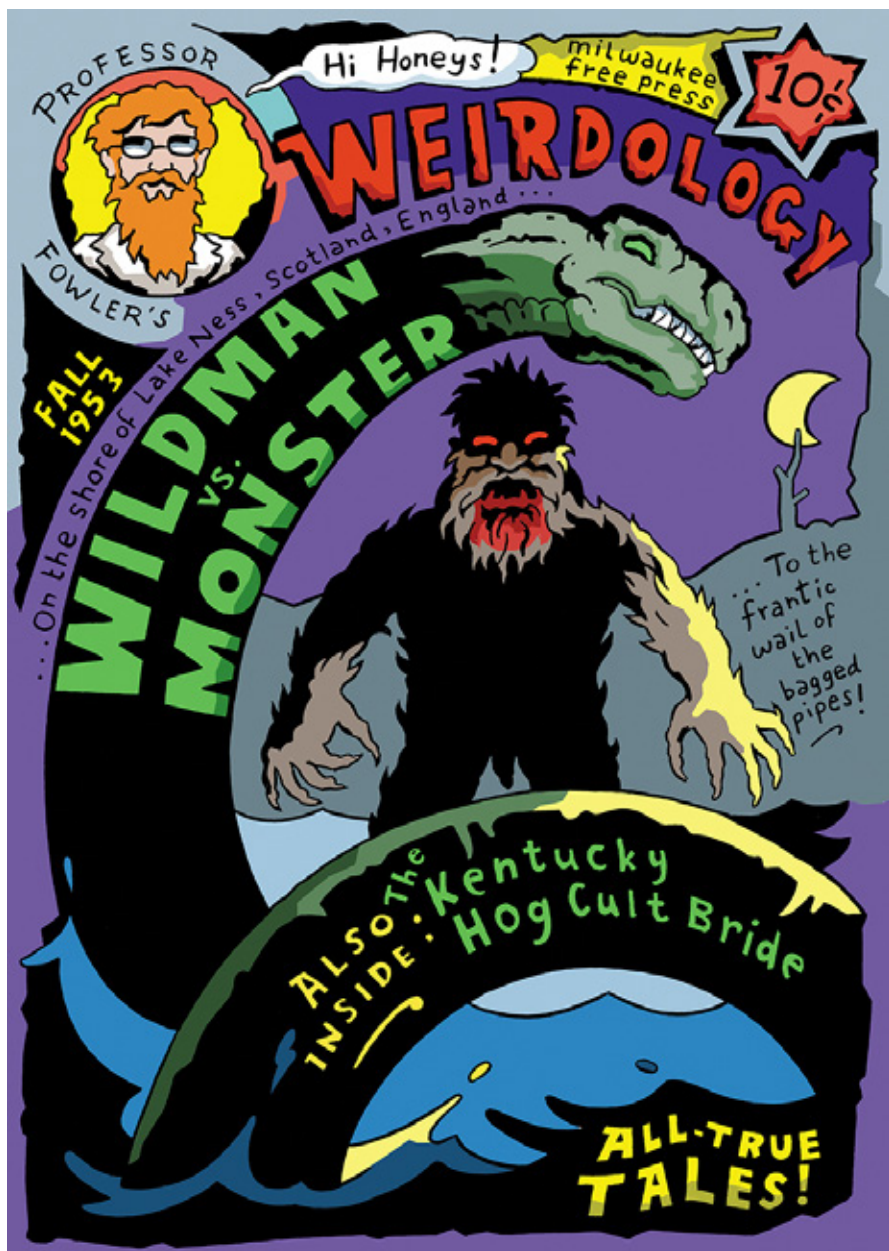
The investigative team of the LNIBR in March 2017 comprised:

H. L. Allsebrook
K. E. Bernstein
S. L. Bodman
A. C. Butler
S. E. Butler
N. E. Campbell
J. Y. B. Caves
S. J. Fahy
J. J. Ford
Prof. S. N. G. Fowler
L. S. Parr
B.W. Plake
S. J. S. Smith

After our extensive investigation into Loch Ness, using the working methodology of expectation, isolation and perception at your point of encounter, advice given to us at our meeting with Adrian Shine, the LNIBR findings conclude that there is

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The evidence presented herewith, provides the background to our hypothesis...



Professor Fowler's Weirdology (Fall 1953) Milwaukee Free Press, Winsconsin, USA. Mike Nicholson of Ensixteen Editions, London, UK, sent in this publication from the 1950s which seems to refer to an earlier expedition to the Loch in which Professor Fowler witnesses the Wildman wrestle with the monster on the shores of Loch Ness. Despite extensive research Nicholson found no record of any further publications in the *Professor Fowler's Weirdology* series.



An intense 28-hour watch cycle by LNIBR member Helen Allsebrook yields inconclusive results from submersible window due to freak midnight sun exposure.



“Ooh Nessie! We always seek out a hearing with the hrargra - Ask the birds, the grey herons, as during the night they place the sentinels on the Loch - each of which holds a little stone in its claw - to drop it is to convict it of neglect on the monster watch.”
LNIBR member Su Fahy.



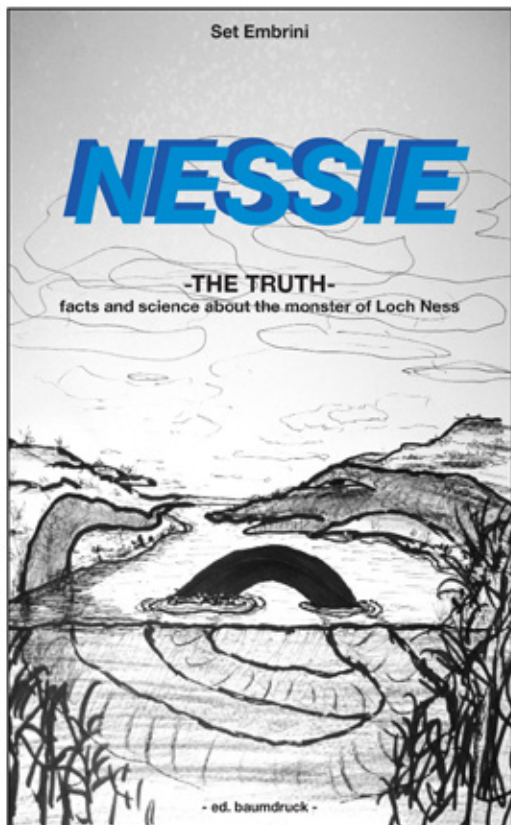
Sighting: Ahlrich van Ohlen, Germany. A violent eruption in the River Spree, Berlin, just in front of the Bundestag, on Sunday 11th December 2016 at 3.08pm.



Irmari Nacht in New Jersey, USA had a surprise sighting in her washbasin, when a sink full of water revealed the monster in miniature on 12th February 2017 at 4.08pm.



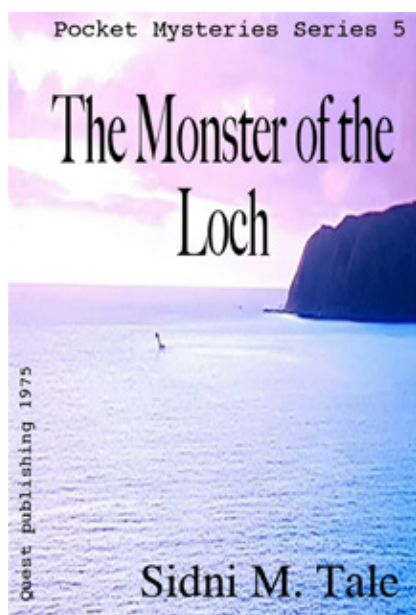
LNIBR member Nancy Campbell had an uneasy feeling when the Loch Ness monster appeared covertly in Amsterdam last autumn. Campbell spotted Nessie in the Kostverlorenvaart waterway on 25th September 2016 at 7.35pm.



Nessie – THE TRUTH – facts and science about the monster of Loch Ness, Set Embrini. Editions Baumdruck, Germany, 2011. Brought along from Germany as a reference resource for our Loch Ness expedition by LNIBR member Bernd W. Plake.



We want there to be dragons. Oh, to be one of the chosen ones to see the monster!
Sighting by LNIBR member Julie Caves, UK, 10th March 2017 at 3.28pm.



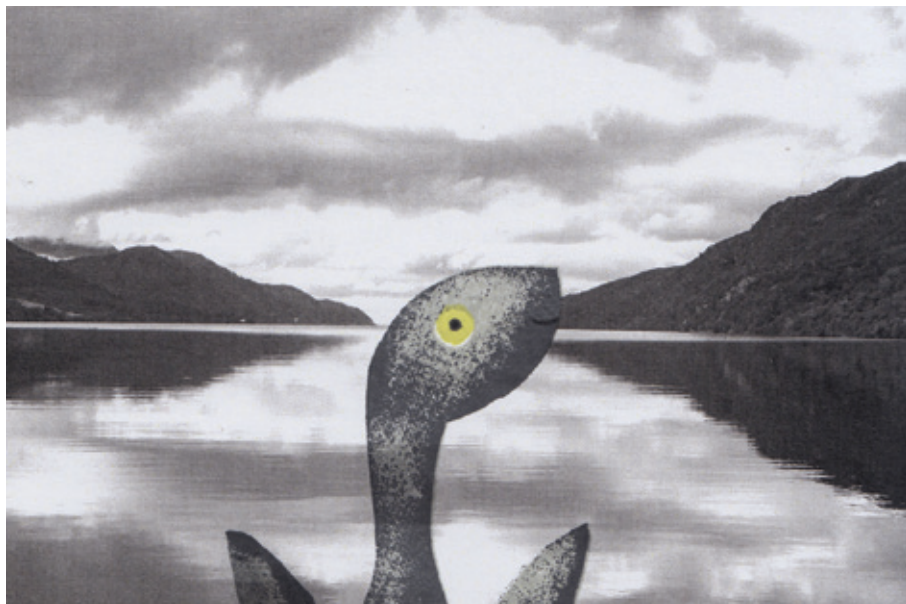
Two vintage publications sent in by Cathey Webb, UK. *All Eyes on the Loch – a guide to looking for Nessie*, Sidni M. Tale. Quest Publishing, Bristol, 1975. *Pocket Mysteries Series 5 – The Monster of the Loch*, Sidni M. Tale. Quest Publishing, Bristol, 1975.



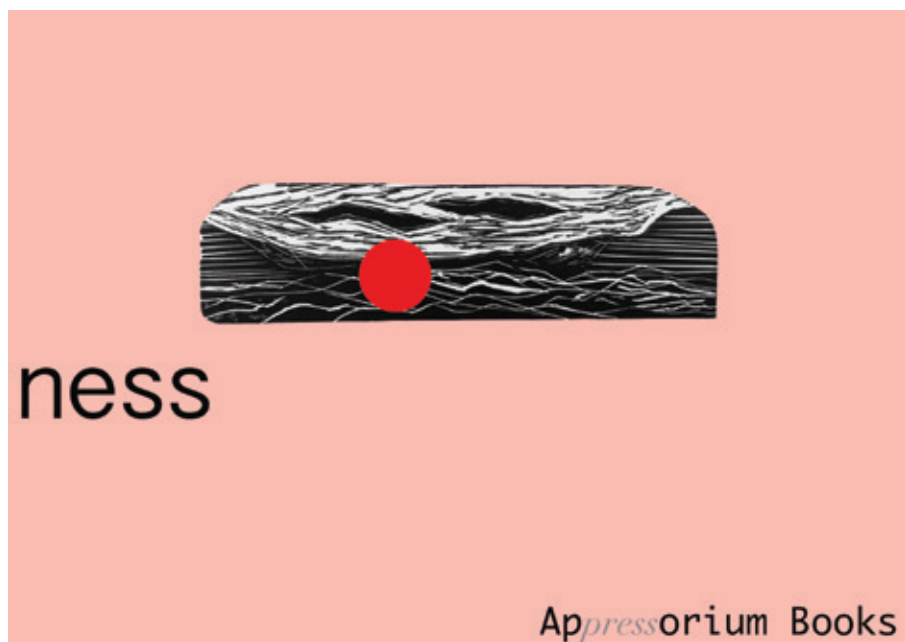
An unusual publication sent in by Chloe and Sally Alexander, UK.

57°, Glen Fault. CS Lochander Publishing, Fort Augustus, 2017.

A note on the cover: Gesso background gilded with moongold. The gilding was marbled and Urquhart Castle and the illusion of Nessie (in a Celtic style, as a link back to St Columba in AD 563 who may have been the first person to see a 'beast' in Loch Ness) were added with hand cut stamps. The title 57° refers to part of the Northern coordinates for Loch Ness.



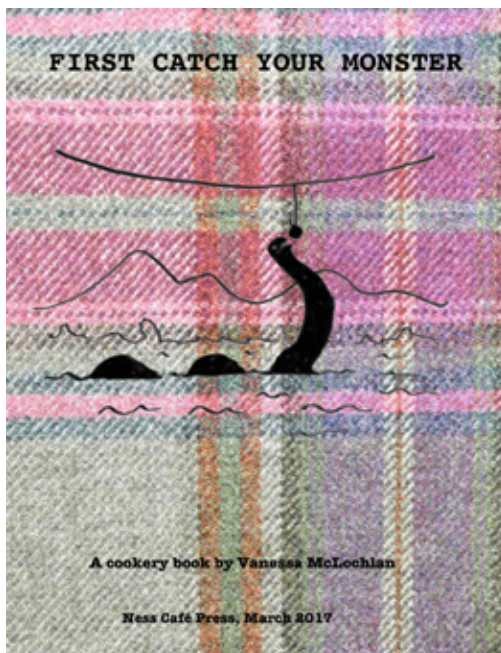
Sighting: 'Loch Ness photobomb'. Taken on Tuesday 6th December 2016 at 4.08pm by Corinne Welch, in the UK.



UK author Chrystal Cherniwchan kindly sent in a copy her first work of fiction, *Ness*, recently released by the Bristol based publisher Appressorium Books (25/02/2017).



Veteran explorer Imi Maufe sent in two of her own publications from Bergen, Norway. From her extensive investigations into sightings of the Loch Ness Monster in Scandinavia, Maufe has discovered many valuable facts about the sjøorm (sea serpent) as the monster is referred to in the region.



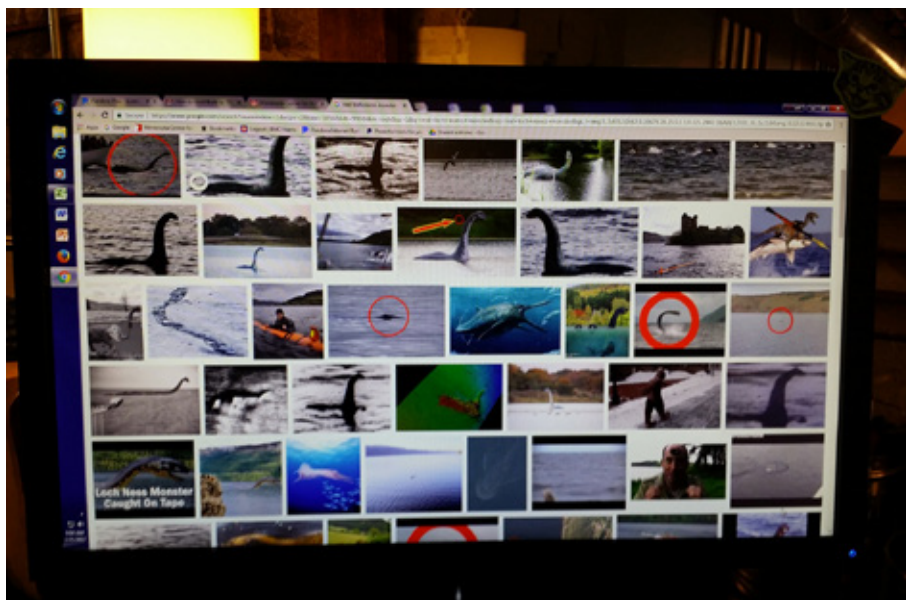
Jill Lauriston in the UK found this publication in a local bookshop *FIRST CATCH YOUR MONSTER* - A cookery book by Vanessa McLochlan recently published by the Ness Café Press, March 2017.

It includes tips on How to Cook Monster (at Gas Mark 6 for three days, feeds c.5000). Recipes include Monster en Croute, Monster Liver Pate and Smoked Fillet of Monster.

A wave of Internet sightings may prove to be a cause for concern – does the Loch Ness monster have the ability to transport itself through the increasing availability of free WiFi in hostels and guesthouses in the loch's vicinity?



Sara Elgerot in Sweden reported this sighting on her Mac on Thursday 23rd February 2017 at 5.46pm, whilst viewing a photograph of a quiet part of Djurgården in the Royal National City Park, Stockholm. Intriguingly, the image mysteriously turned sepia to reveal Nessie moving through the water.



Jeff Rathermel in the USA reported several disturbing sightings (above) from his office desk in Minneapolis on 21st February 2017 at 9:09am CST.

Come Rain or Shine, the Loch Ness monster appears in all weathers...



Sighting: Danish artist Mette-Sofie D. Ambeck witnessed this spectacle at Borlum Bay, at the Southwest end of Loch Ness on 17th January 2017 at 13.41pm.



Just one month earlier, Mike Clements, UK, witnessed this appearance at Loch Ness on 21st December 2016 at 2.22pm.



Sighting: Janet Allsebrook, UK, sent in this sighting of the monster in Scotland taken on 23rd August 2016, 2.15pm.



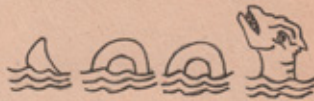
Sighting: Leonie Bradley, UK on 18th December 2016 at 8.17am.



Sighting: Mel and Stephanie Turnbull, UK, returning from a holiday in Scotland, spotted Nessie from the shores of Loch Ness on 28th October 2014 at 3.48pm.

*The Historical Society Journal, Series VII:
Seeking Truth in Mythology*

*An Account of Ungodly Monsters:
St Columba and the Loch Ness Leviathan*



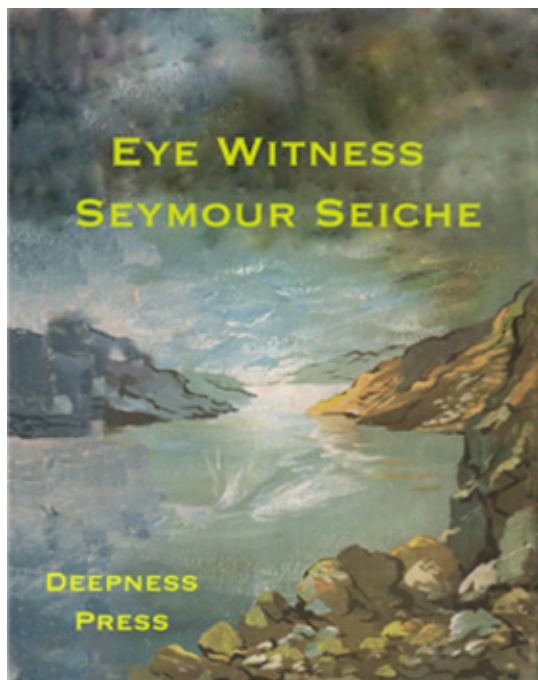
*Reverend Monstrum Venator
Causa Perduta Library*

Ness Press
WBN: MMXVII

Kate Bernstein, LNIBR member in the UK discovered a recent copy of *The Historical Society Journal, Series VII: Seeking Truth in Mythology*. Originally written as a true account by the Reverend Monstrum Venator, it was republished earlier this year as a special World Book Night collector's edition for the Causa Perduta Library.



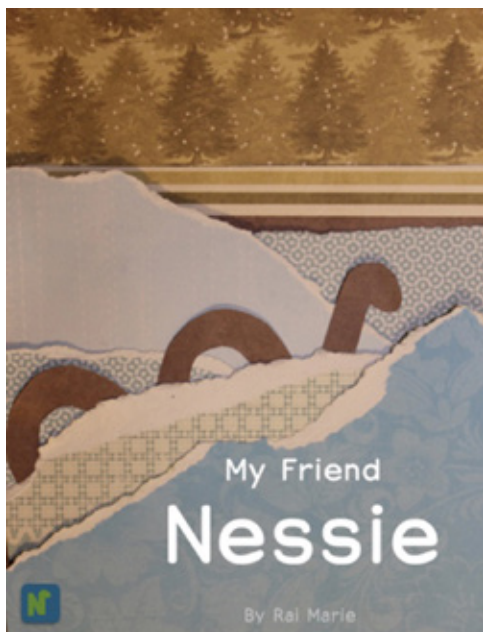
Sighting: John Bently, witnessed during student assessments at Camberwell College of Art, London, UK, on 1st November 2016 at 2.19pm.



Linda Parr, LNIBR member in the UK found this wonderful old publication *Eye Witness*, by author Seymour Seiche, published by Deepness Press in 1957.



Nessie is Not Alone: an in depth investigation of other Loch Ness monsters, sent in by the author: Angela Thames. A.T. Publications, UK, 2017



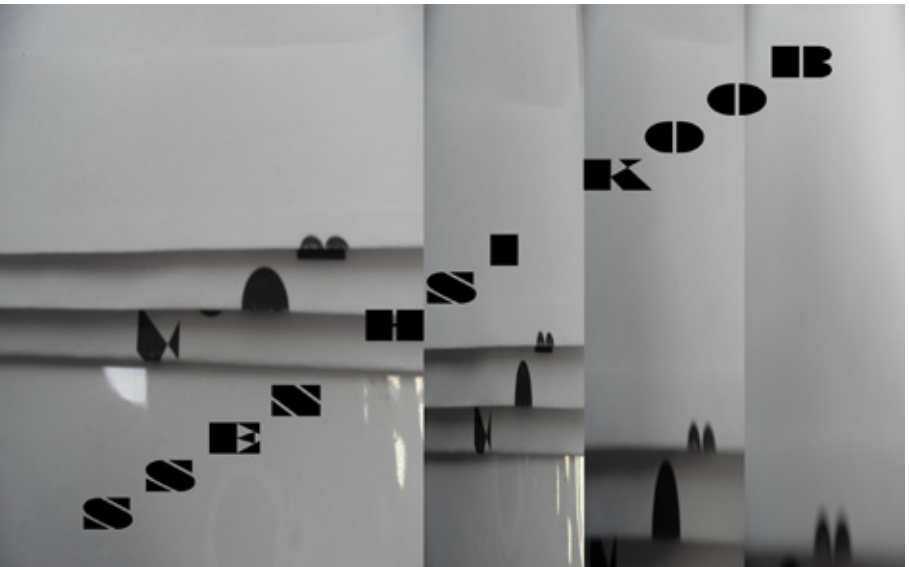
Rai Marie in the UK sent in a copy of her publication: *My Friend Nessie*, Rai Marie. Northwest Books, 1987



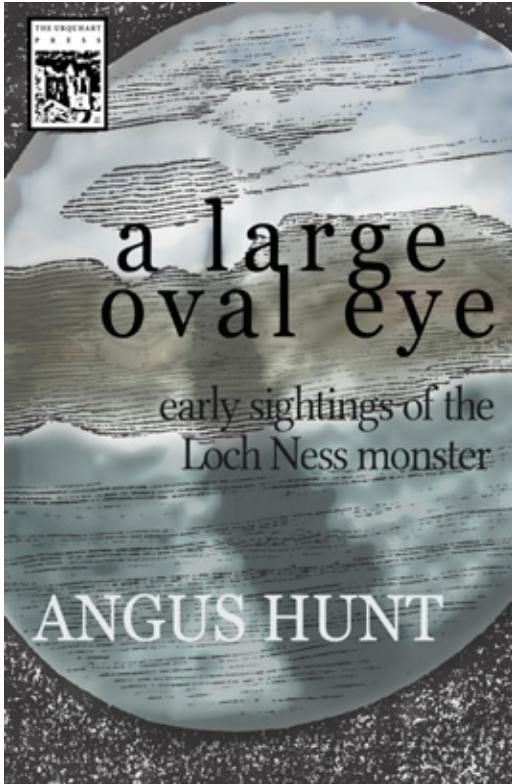
Clare Wyatt, UK, WBN contributor and LNIBR supporter found this relic on 28th February 2017. It was filed amongst paperwork from her earlier solo investigation of the Loch in 2010, but she cannot recall seeing it before or what the folded sheet might have contained.



LNIBR expedition leader Stephen Fowler's sighting, Adrian Shine at Drumnadrochit on 11th March 2017 at 1.31pm.



BOOK ISH NESS Or [SSEN HSI KOOB] Multiple Sightings of Nessie, Sumi Perera, SuperPress EDITIONS, 2017



Sharon Hall Shipp, UK, found this publication by Angus Hunt in an Inverness bookshop: *A large oval eye - early sightings of the Loch Ness Monster*, Urquhart Press, 2002.

Sighting (below): Ken Humphreys, UK on 5th March 1984 at 4pm, a rare land based sighting, on the banks of Bala Lake, Gwynedd, Wales.





cafe in Dores, Inverness-shire

4 April 1961, approx 11.00am

A sighting from the 1960s, sent in by Sharon Hall Shipp, UK, 4th April 1961 at 11.00am.

“A short while ago I acquired the archives of a distant relative. I remembered that amongst the various papers there was this image which I think you might find of interest. On the back was a note about where and when it was taken and I have included that also. Dores, I understand, is to the south of Inverness, on the shore of Loch Ness. I have searched online but cannot find anything about the café which sadly doesn’t seem to exist any more.”



Anne Byron-Hehir, UK sent in an extract from *All Scottish Magazine*'s article on Professor Ann Omal's latest book launch. The photograph [above] shows a display of books written by the well known time-traveller and Inverness University Professor Dr. Ann Omal.

'Since her successful reintroduction of the Nessiteras Rhombopteryx into Loch Ness, Professor Omal has been studying the fascinating mating habits of the creature (mainly from the bar of the Foyers hotel overlooking the Loch... the locals tell me) and now offers the latest editions of her books and souvenirs for sale.

Chapters headings of the latest edition include; *The Call of the Skirling Foghorn*, *The Wooing Stone*, *Nicketty Nacketty*, *The Cloud of Courtship*, and *Amang the Heather*.

Hmm... interesting. In addition, there's a handy pocket-sized Field Guide, a Nessie Notebook to record your sightings and a presentation box containing a genuine 'Wooing Stone' all for sale at outlets absolutely everywhere in Scotland. Online, the Professor is making her presence felt with her magazine 'Got The Hump'. After you've paid for the books and souvenirs you get 'The Hump' for free'. *Dr Hugh Mungus*, for *All Scottish Magazine*.



Sighting: Cathey Webb, UK: Loch Ness, Scotland on 12th November 2016 at 3pm.



Richard Shipp, UK, sent in a bizarre, recent sighting of the Loch Ness Monster on an AIRFIX kit displayed for sale. It appeared on Friday 3rd February 2017 at 3.59pm in the Oxfam shop in Lombard Street, Inverness, Scotland.



Gwen Simpson, UK, sent a copy of this Nessie children's book published in February. In the tale, the Loch Ness Monster visits his cousin in Essex, UK. Some readers may have heard of the Essex Serpent (or sea serpent) which is rumoured to have appeared along the 350 mile coastline since the early 17th century.



**The Disappearance of the Loch Ness
Monster** - a report of new sightings
outside the coast of Sweden.

By L.Nossech
Stemnör Publishing 2008

Eva Hejdström in Sweden found this publication from 2008 discussing the disappearance of the Loch Ness Monster from Scotland at a time when sightings began to occur around the coastal islands and inland lakes of Sweden.

The Mechanics of Nessie



– the robot

Dr A.I. Kismet

Robo-Girl Production
1999

Mette-Sofie D. Ambeck picked up this book in a charity shop in Hurup Thy, Denmark for a bargain 4DKK (about 45p), a great find and another viewpoint on the Loch Ness Monster's origins.

Interestingly, the sighting below may share some similarities with the content of the book listed above. Note the metallic tinge on this recent appearance, Saturday 4th March 2017, at 10am, spotted on the banks of the Thames Estuary, Leigh on Sea, Essex, UK (near Gypsy Bridge) by Gwen Simpson.

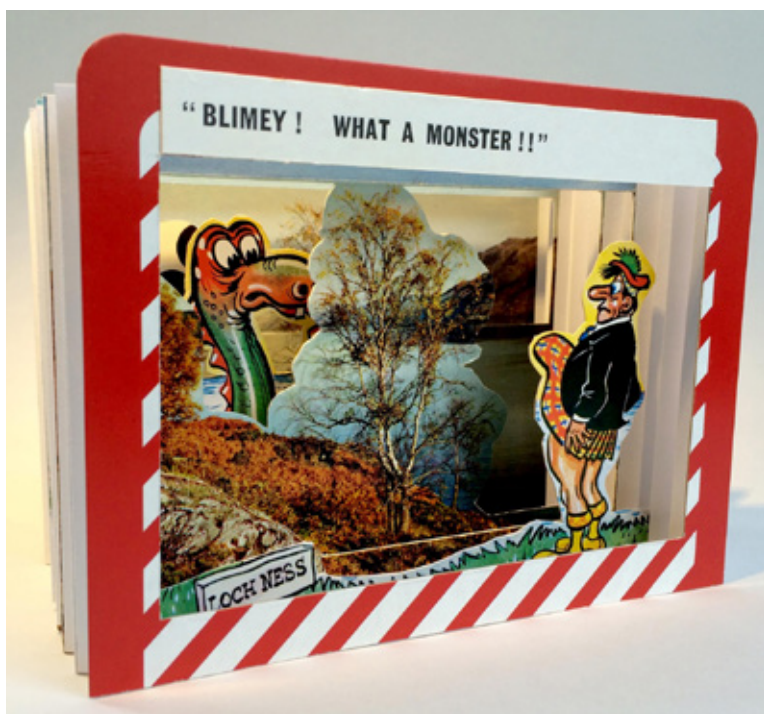




Eggses it is, my precious. Linda Parr LNIBR member's discovery at water's edge, Loch Ness.



LNIBR member Angie Butler: sighting 9th March 2017, 4.03pm, Loch Ness.



"BLIMEY! WHAT A MONSTER!!"

A unique book sent in by WBN adventurer Jeremy Dixon of Hazard Press, 2017

THE FUCKLESS MONSTER

- an
intimate
tale of
loneliness



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SORRY PUBLISHING

After Professor Ann Omalý's *Mating Habits of the Nessiteras Rhombopteryx* publication, consideration of the emotional plight of the Loch Ness monster, alone in the waters. Carmen Garaghon, UK found this novel by S.G Rose in her local library.



Gathering of Nessies recorded off Hastings, Est Sussex, 5th March 2017. © Sasha Andrews
Going places: Hastings. A popular seaside town of faded Victorian splendour, Hastings recent influx of urban newcomers has been matched by a throng of bucolic Nessies. Having successfully negotiated the move south from the deep and bitter waters of Loch Ness, the Nessies are regularly spotted cavorting in the channel. Rough seas appear to delight them and facilitate surfing of the larger waves close to shore.

Scientists have suggested the seafood rich waters, in particular plentiful supplies of Dover Sole, may be contributing to their startlingly population increase. The breeding habits of the Nessie though much speculated upon, remain a mystery.

The current shortage of hotel rooms due to media interest should ease once David Attenborough's *Nessie and Me* screens (BBC1, 9th March 2017 at 8pm).



Found by Karen F. Pierce in Wales: *Water-horses, mer-creatures, and monsters: Nessie revealed* by Dr Arra Stoneglade. Published by Poppy House Press in 1969.



From Karen Apps in Southend on Sea, Essex, UK. A previously unpublished sighting of the Loch Ness monster taken during the summer of 1963. Photograph courtesy of artist's mother, Gillian Stott.



Above: A sighting by Karen F. Pierce, UK, on 29th February 2000 at 8.27am at Loch Ness, and another encounter below from back in the 1970s. Karen F. Pierce has been on the trail of the Loch Ness Monster for many years which would explain the good fortune of two sightings over such a long timespan.



Loch Ness 05/03/79

Left: The monster captured on Polaroid by Karen F. Pierce at Loch Ness, 5th March 1979 at 9.02am



Another office sighting which could be the start of a worrying trend in Loch Ness Monster workplace invasions. This one from WBN video coordinator Tom Sowden, UK, who spotted Nessie in room T3.14, Bath School of Art and Design, 8th March 2017, 5.21pm.



Left: A rather terrifying book found by Si Butler, LNIBR member and WBN music co-director and present on this expedition. Published by Tamarind in the late 1970s.

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LNIBR member and WBN music co-director Simon Smith, sighting across Loch Ness at Urquhart Castle, 10th March 2017, 2.36pm

*Although there have been quite a few books written on the subject,
really we know very little. (Searle, 1976: 14)*



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