



# XBooks™ — Strange



High-interest topics, real stories, accessible text, engaging design, and astonishing photos are the building blocks of the *XBooks*, a new series designed to engage and motivate reluctant and enthusiastic readers alike. Did Bigfoot really exist? How can bodies be preserved in a swamp for more than two thousand years? Did the U.S. government cover up a UFO landing? With topics based in science and history, these action-packed books featuring strange events will help students unlock the power and pleasure of reading... and always ask for more!

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Reading Level: Grades 3–5

Interest Level: Grades 6–8

Age Range: 8–13

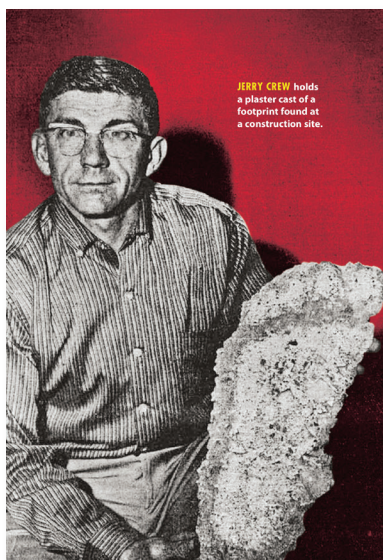
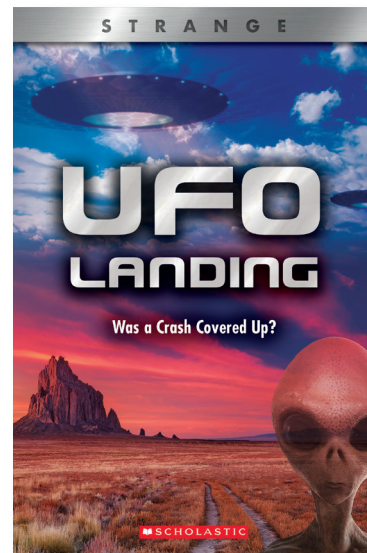
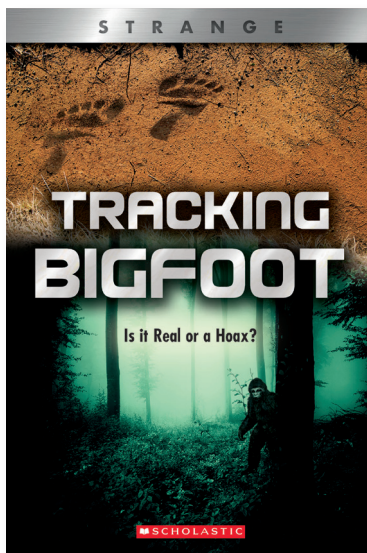
48 pages, full-color & black and white photographs, illustrations, maps

Trim: 5 3/8 x 7 5/8

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**Features:**

- **High-interest topics** and an **accessible lower reading level** makes this series perfect for all readers
- **Swift, easy-to-digest plots** and short time frames simplify the comprehension of the story
- **Edgy and colorful cover art** make the books attractive and cool
- **5-page suspenseful preview** introduces the story
- **Short chapters** and **numerous illustrations** make the text less intimidating
- **Sidebars** offer interesting facts parallel to the focus of the story
- A backmatter section that includes **maps, diagrams, interviews** and **graphs** exposes readers to a varied array of nonfiction texts and features
- **Glossaries** explain difficult terms in a way that makes them easy to understand




As days went by, new footprints continued to appear at the site. After a few weeks, Crew decided to make plaster casts, or models, of the prints. He poured wet plaster into the footprints. When it hardened, he removed the foot-shaped casts.

**Really Big Feet**

People were amazed. The footprints were 16 inches long and seven inches wide! No known species, or kind, of animal in the area had feet that big. The local newspaper called the beast Bigfoot.

Soon Bigfoot was the biggest cryptid in the news. (Cryptids are animals that people report seeing—but no one has proved exist.) People all over the country had heard about the cryptid with size 22 feet. The legend of Bigfoot was born.

**MANY PEOPLE** imagined that Bigfoot looked something like this.



Sample spread from *Tracking Bigfoot*

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