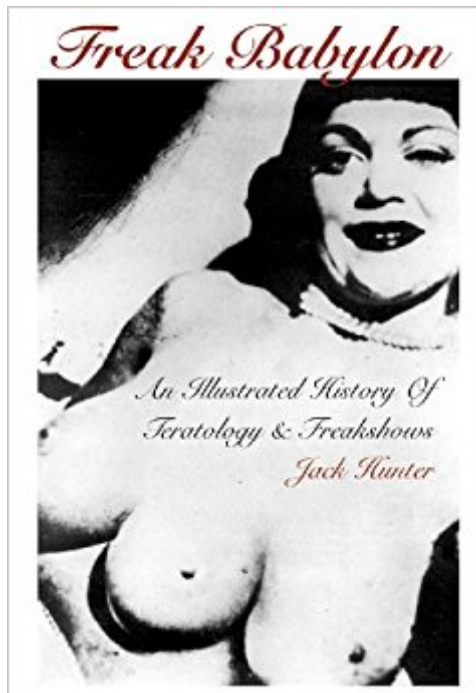




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The photos were great but more photos and less writing would have been better . The condition of

the book was okay and the price and shipping were good .

I bought this to replace my 'Inside Teradome', the original print which was literally falling apart on me.

Actually, for a book which claims to give an historical account of freakshows, this is not accurate at all - for example, the part about The Great Omi has some mistakes. But its a quite helpful book in terms of reference, since it cites a lots of important works about teratology.

Love this book very informative

great product highly recommended seller

A good overview of the freakshow genre.

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Great reading. Very interesting

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