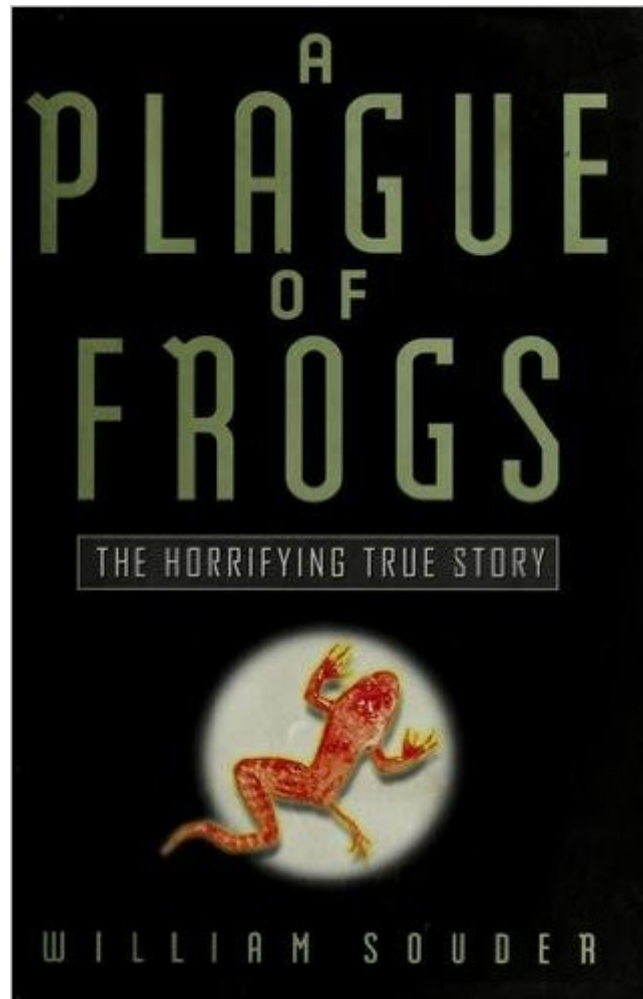


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# Plague Of Frogs: The Horrifying True Story



## Synopsis

Over the past several years, extraordinary numbers of deformed frogs have been discovered, not only in the waters of Minnesota, but in lakes & ponds across the U.S., Canada, & as far away as Japan. The frog -- an animal that lives in ponds & on land, that breathes through its skin, that lays its clear, absorbent eggs in open, sunlit water -- is a indicator of environmental conditions. This book follows the mystery of the deformed frogs & the search for answers. Souder had access to all the key scientists, & has followed every aspect of the story, from back room discussions & conferences at the Federal government level to the secret hot spots where the highest percentage of deformed frogs are found.

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## Customer Reviews

I must disagree with the reviewer who referred to William Souder's "A Plague of Frogs: The Horrifying True Story" as a 'silly' book. This book was at once horrifying, fascinating, spellbinding, and thought-provoking. It also appears to be well-researched: Souder followed the story for more than three years and he references more than one hundred texts and technical papers at the end of the book. This is no 'silly' book. I cannot agree with the same reviewer who described the book as 'biased journalism.' In my opinion, Souder presents an intriguing but balanced look at the problem and the efforts of scientists to understand it. Anyone with even a slight interest in our environment should read this book. You won't be able to put it down! When I saw the cover of the book, with its photograph of a deformed frog, I remembered seeing newscasts in the mid-90s about the discovery of large numbers of frogs with deformed legs. Missing legs, missing toes, extra legs, extra feet, underdeveloped legs and other anomalies were being discovered in frightening quantities. There

were frogs with as many as nine legs. There were frogs whose feet were webbed to their torsos such that they could not extend their back legs and jump normally. I was at once intrigued and repulsed by the descriptions and photographs of some of these specimens. What DID cause these deformed frogs? I could not remember seeing a follow-up newscast with the resolution of the mystery of this outbreak or 'plague.' I was hooked. After buying the book, I raced through it. Souder's style was similar to that of any good mystery writer - gradually relaying the story as it unfolded during the months and years that he followed it. But here, the story is true and the detectives are scientists.

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