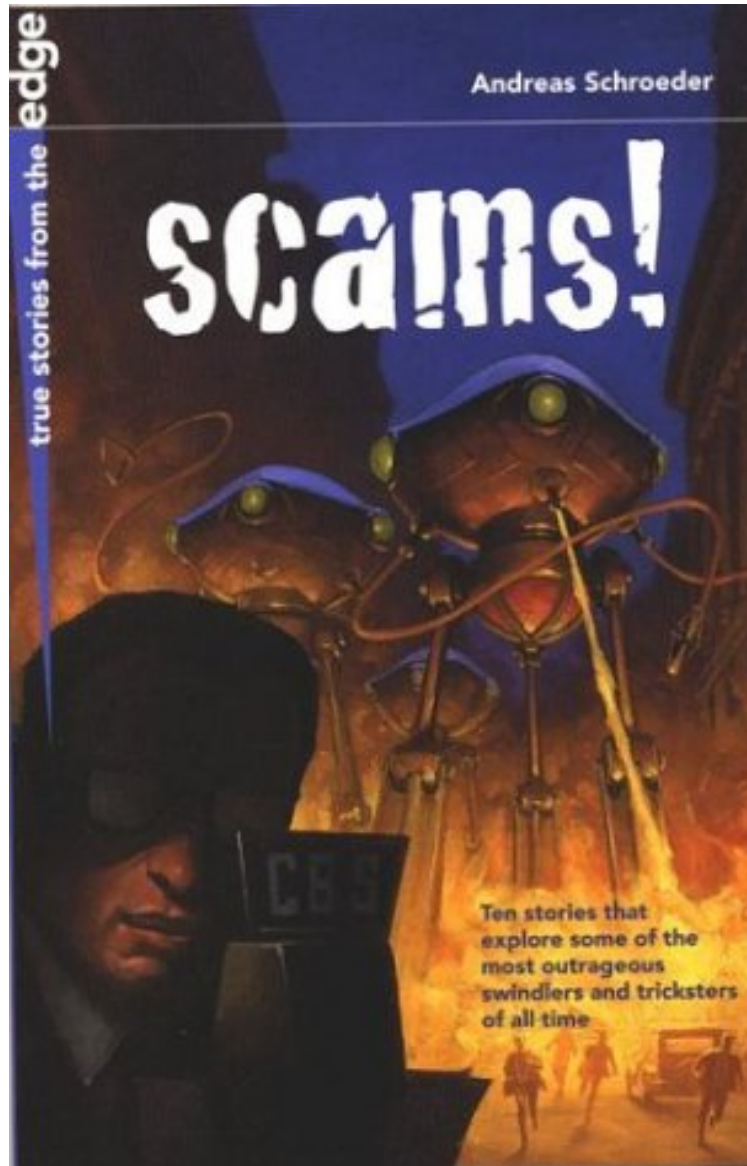


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Scams!By A CustomerThe title of my book is Scams. The author is Andreas Schroeder. The book has different stories in it and I think they're all great! There are stories from forging banknotes to Martian invasions to traveling around the world in 2 days. My favorite story is Instand Globe Circling.

Just Add Water. This book doesn't make a lot of connections to my life, but the main one is that I lie sometimes to. Scams can teach you a very important lesson which is not to lie. Another connection I have made to the book is that I do things that I think I can get away with, but I really can't. I really like Mr. Schroeder's style of writing. He makes it so you don't know what is coming next. Also, he adds details to make the stories that would seemingly not be funny, really funny. I recommend this book to third grade and up. I recommend it because it is funny and astonishing. L.C.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Stories By Manley Peterson Short and sweet - Scams is a wonderfully entertaining book filled with exciting, well-written stories involving recent history's greatest scam artists. Every story offered something new, and I finished it in one day. Well worth the money. Can't wait to check out the other books in the series.

Ten of the biggest scams in history. When a tribe of natives who lived for centuries with no outside contact was discovered in the Philippines in 1971, the world was captivated. Media and scientists flocked to the Tasadays' village and the story held the public's attention for more than a decade. Then two journalists dropped in on the village unannounced. What they found unearthed one of the most elaborate scams of the 20th century. Scams! reveals ten true tales of tremendous trickery that will mesmerize young readers. They will learn how Donald Crowhurst almost won the first-ever round-the-world yacht race -- without ever leaving the Atlantic. They will witness the hysteria that swept the United States when Orson Welles used on-the-scene reports of Martian attacks to add realism to his radio play The War of the Worlds. They will discover how the Germans planned to destroy the British economy during World War II by flooding the world with millions of fake British banknotes. Readers will be enthralled by these stories of trickery exposed, where the strange twists and turns truly test the limits of credulity. Chapters include: The Great Shakespeare Forgery There's a Sucker Born Every Minute Operation Bernhard Le Grande These Steps Out

From School Library Journal Grade 5-8--A fascinating collection of stories about forgers, con artists, and other individuals who duped the public for fame, money, love, or power. The 10 selections include an elaborate counterfeiting scheme by Nazi security officer Bernhard Krueger, who used concentration camp inmates to create millions of flawless British banknotes. In the 1970s, Manuel Elizalde, Jr., "discovered" primitive cavemen on an island in the Philippines who became the focus of a National Geographic documentary and caused excitement among the world's anthropologists. Elizalde's tribe was actually a cleverly staged ruse with local islanders willing to put on a show for journalists in exchange for cigarettes, watches, and Levis. Schroeder's lively narration with undocumented dialogue breathes life into characters whom readers can't help but marvel at for their sheer ingenuity. P. T. Barnum is portrayed as an extraordinary showman and opportunist whose moneymaking schemes included the promotion of a cranky and misbehaved elephant named "Jumbo" as a national media "darling" and an elderly black woman as George Washington's beloved nanny. Schroeder's page-turning stories are suspenseful as each hoaxer comes closer and closer to getting caught. A repeating theme is the gullibility of the public to believe these con artists; an introduction mentions Internet scams. Great read-aloud stories.--Vicki Reutter, Cazenovia High School, NY Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Highlights ten of the cleverest scams in history... Schroeder... is an excellent storyteller and captures the deceptions of the scammers down to every detail. (Joanna Solomon Kliatt) Schroeder is fascinated by the inventiveness of his swindlers, and he writes about them in an exciting and engaging style that will draw even the most reluctant reader into the story. (Rebecca Moreland VOYA) Schroeder turns each 'sting' into a ripping good yarn... There are Lessons here, but the compelling presentation makes them far easier to swallow. (Kirkus s 2004-06-01) Fascinating... Schroeder's page-turning stories are suspenseful as each hoaxer comes closer and closer to getting caught. A repeating theme is the gullibility of the public... Great reading aloud stories. (Vicki Reutter School Library Journal) About the Author Andreas Schroeder has been a full-time writer for over thirty years. His fiction, non-fiction, radio dramas, journalism, translations and criticism have appeared in over 200 publications. His titles for adults include Fakes, Frauds, and Flimflammy and Cheats, Charlatans, and Chicanery. Scams! is his first book for young readers.