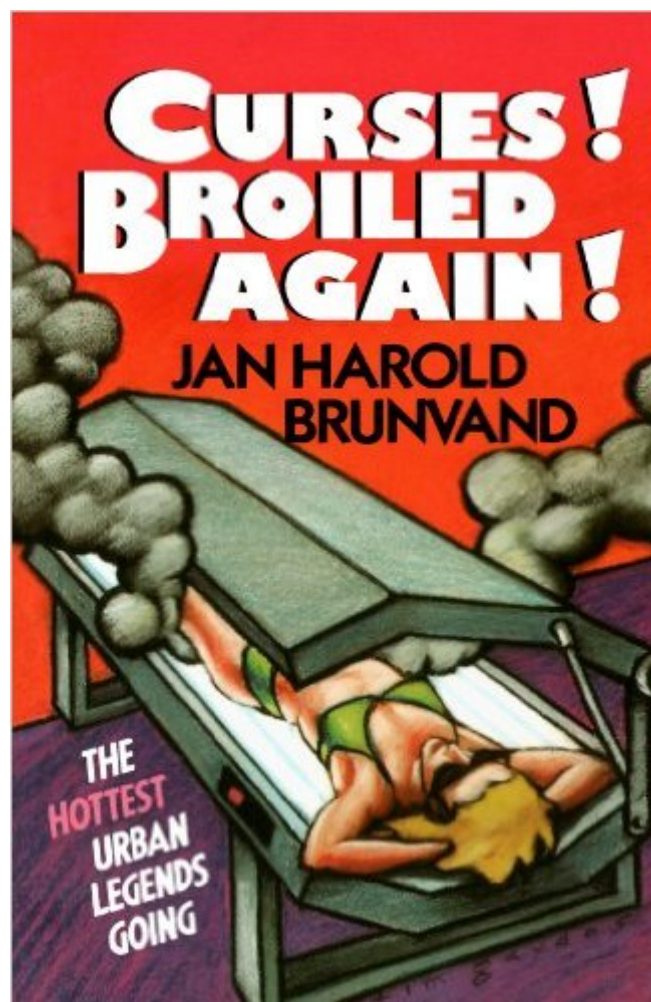


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From the master folklorist and sly wit, Jan Brunvand, comes a collection of all-new urban legends. Did your cousin's wife's dentist's daughter go to the tanning parlor once too often and had her insides cooked? Has your husband's brother's nephew teacher try to make a dead rabbit look alive? If so, you've heard or you yourself may have told two of the seventy-plus legends in this collection. Urban legends are "those bizarre but believable stories about batter-fried rats, spiders in hairdos, Cabbage Patch dolls that get funerals, and the like that pass by word of mouth as being the gospel truth." But of course, though often told as having happened to a FOAF (friend of a friend), they aren't true. Included in this collection are legends about sex, horror, cars, business, and academia. Among them are "The Bible Student's Exam," "The Pregnant Shoplifter," "The Ice Cream Cone Caper," "Don't Mess with Texas," and "Mrs. Fields' Cookie Recipe."

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This is the fourth book in Jan Harold Brunvand's series on urban legends. It follows *The Vanishing Hitchhiker*, *The Choking Doberman* and *The Mexican Pet*. This book tells interesting, and mostly untrue stories that were circulating in the late eighties. Stories are organized into seven chapters which have the themes of "horrors," automobile legends, animal legends, accidents and mishaps, sex and scandals, business, professional and government legends, and academic legends. A few favorites:- A mother steams the stamp off of the envelope containing a letter from her prisoner-of-war son to find the message "They've cut off my hands!"- A woman sells her cheating

husband's car for a dollar and sends him the money.- A dog follows a visitor into the house from the front yard and makes a mess of the place. It turns out the dog was a stray and each woman assumed it belonged to the other.- A woman feels bad about a funeral service with few attendees, so she signs the guest book. Later she receives a large sum of money designated in the deceased's will for "whomever attends my funeral."- There is supposedly an academic policy that a student will be given "straight A's" for the semester if his or her roommate commits suicide.

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