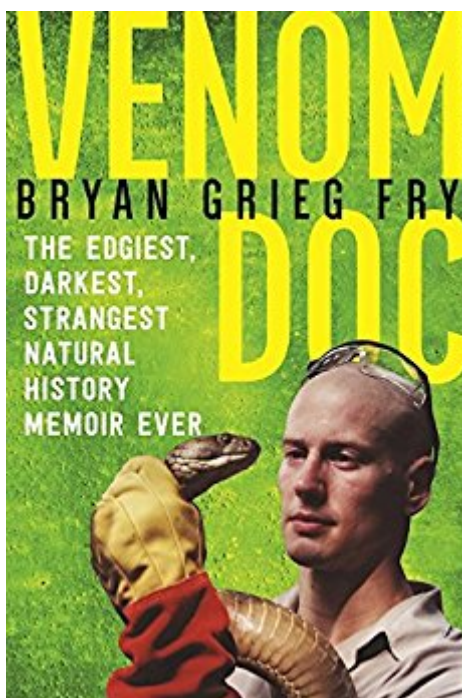


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# Venom Doc: The Edgiest, Darkest, Strangest Natural History Memoir Ever



## Synopsis

Steve Irwin meets David Attenborough in this jaw-dropping account of studying the world's most venomous creatures. Venomologist Bryan Grieg Fry has one of the most dangerous jobs on earth: he works with its deadliest creatures. He's been bitten by twenty-six venomous snakes, been stung by three stingrays, and survived a near-fatal scorpion sting while deep in the jungle. He's received more than four hundred stitches and broken twenty-three bones, including breaking his back in three places, and had to learn how to walk again. But when you research only the venom you yourself have collected, the adventures—and danger—never stop. Imagine a three-week-long first date in Siberia catching venomous water shrews with the daughter of a Russian war hero; a wedding attended by Eastern European prime ministers and their machine-gun-wielding bodyguards and snakes; or leading a team to Antarctica that results in the discovery of four new species of venomous octopi. Bryan's discoveries have radically reshaped views on venom evolution and contributed to the creation of venom-based life-saving medications. In pursuit of venom, he has traveled the world collecting samples from Indonesia to Mexico, Germany, and Brazil. He's encountered venomous creatures of all kinds, including the Malaysian king cobra, the Komodo dragon, and the funnel-web spider. Bryan recounts his lifelong passion for studying the world's most venomous creatures in this outlandish, captivating memoir, where he and danger are never far apart.

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## Customer Reviews

Bryan Grieg Fry is proving himself to be one of the craziest guys alive on this planet today, although he dances with death every day he is able to pull himself from the jaws of danger to dance again, he acts as if his Russian father in laws machine gun toting body guards can protect him from danger anywhere in the world.. He really knows how to play dangerously and write about it as well, he should be hero of many boys to the dread of their parents. Besides his crazier side he is a top notch scientist, showing the world that you do not have to be a lab coat bespeckled quiet person to do good research. Raymond Ditmars excited the snakeboys of the 1950s-1970s, Bryan takes the new age males to another level,.! An excellent read, only thing lacking were more photos of his beautiful wife!

Bryan Fry is passionate about herps, an insane adrenaline junkie, and has a way with words that leaves me openmouthed at times and laughing til I cry other times. I adore this, and am going to recommend it all over the place.

I love snakes and all reptiles, but even if you don't I still recommend this book. Dr. Fry is not only a brilliant scientist, he is brilliantly funny. The title pretty much nails it. I loved this book. A sequel would be good.

I heard about this online and bought it for a gift. I'll report back after I find out if it was liked.

Venom Doc: The Edgiest, Darkest, Strangest Natural History Memoir Ever by Bryan Grieg Fry is the very highly recommended memoir of a professional venom biologist. In this very appealing conversational style memoir Bryan Grieg Fry, Australia's most renowned field biologist/venomologist, shares stories, jokes, close calls and quips. Ultimately it is all about what he loves: venomous creatures. Yup. Fry loves all things poisonous and deadly. He has been "bitten by twenty-six venomous snakes, been stung by three stingrays, and survived a near-fatal scorpion sting while deep in the jungle. He's received more than four hundred stitches and broken

twenty-three bones, including breaking his back in three places, and had to learn how to walk again." I know this may surprise all of you, but Fry lives a much more exciting, adrenaline pumped life than I do and I'm good with that. (Check out the Venom Doc website for YouTube videos and more information) There are also many pictures to be found online of Fry and venomous creatures, but the book does include a section of black and white photos. The great thing about Venom Doc is that you don't need a scientific background to enjoy it as Fry will explain any scientific or technical terms he uses and has made this memoir for the general public. While entertaining you, and you will be entertained (and maybe a bit horrified at his actions), he will also educate you. It is fast-paced and does not have any slow or boring sections, which is sort of what I expected and therefore was pleased about finding true. If you need to set this aside while reading it it will be because you needed the break, either because the action was overwhelming or creeped you out (guilty). It's not all just for the thrills, though. Fry's discoveries have contributed to venom-based medications that can save lives. Disclosure: My advanced reading copy was courtesy of the publisher for review purposes.

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