



Daley mentioned how a sewer worker saw a large albino alligator. After that, people hunted for it.

Robert Daley helped the sewer gators story grow. He wrote a book. The book was called *The World Beneath the City*. Daley wrote it in 1959. It was about New York City's sewer system. He wrote about sewer gators. He believed they existed.

He interviewed May. Daley said, "He started telling me about the alligators in the sewer. He wasn't joking. He told me a lot of good stuff. And I accepted it as the truth." May was 84 years old when Daley interviewed him. May's details may have been fuzzy.

REAL-WORLD CONNECTION

Bucharest is the capital of Romania. Hundreds of people live in the city's sewers. They are called "sewer people." They fled underground in 1989. This is when the Communist government was kicked out. Orphanages were shut down. Orphanages are places where kids without parents live. Many kids were kicked out to the streets. They took shelter in sewer tunnels. The pipes were heated by steam. This kept the area warm. A generation of children grew up in the sewers. The leader said, "Everything we have, we have collected from the garbage. This is how we can live. If not, we would die out on the streets." Sewer people sleep in the sewers at night. They search for food and supplies during the day.