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Veteran ufologist Good doesn't mince words in this hefty international exposé of hush-hush government involvement in UFO research: not only are UFOs real spacecraft, he asserts, but the USA may even have saucers & aliens secretly on ice. Moreover, he presents a warehouse of documentation--much of it anecdotal--to support his case. As a frontline buttress to Good's claims, England's former Chief of Defense Staff, Lord Hill-Norton, offers a spirited foreword crying "cover-up" on the part of world governments. Good's dossier persuasively backs up this charge with a rundown--beefed up by info obtained via the Freedom of Information Act--on a horde of UFO encounters, government responses, & both open & clandestine state investigations into UFOs. First England, then assorted lands including China & the USSR, then the US come under his scrutiny; altho many of the encounters--e.g., the alleged recovery of alien bodies from crashed craft in Socorro, NM, in 1947 and in Aztec, NM, in 1948--are familiar, the sheer quantity of UFO sightings recounted here astounds. Particularly intriguing is Good's discussion of astronauts' reports--ranging from Mercury astronaut Donald Slayton's statement of spotting something that "looked like a saucer, a disk" while testing a P-51 jet fighter to a credulity-stretching report that has ham-radio buffs picking up Apollo 11 calling Mission Control during the 1969 lunar landing & saying, "I'm telling you there are other spacecraft out there...they're on the moon watching us." More weighty, however, is Good's dogged tracking of the CIA & NSA's monitoring & suppression of UFO research--suppression mirrored in other countries (e.g., in Brazil via a Sao Paulo State directive forbidding media "to divulge UFO reports without the prior censorship of the Brazilian Air Force"). There's no smoking gun here, but enough circumstantial evidence to convince that governments have, & are, withholding important data about UFOs. Good's encyclopedic approach blurs the eyes even as it overwhelms skepticism; not a grand read, then, but certainly a noteworthy contribution to the field.--Kirkus

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Jon says

This is a definitive work for anyone interested in the field of Ufology and one massive tome of a book that took me the better part of the summer to read. That is because Good does something in it that few UFO books before had done: provide evidence. Nearly one-third of the book is declassified documentation obtained through FOIA requests and citations to publications and interviews that an industrious researcher may go and check for themselves. Because it is so research-based, the text is rather dry and makes for tedious reading at times. Readers looking for rollicking UFO tales of the kind found in The Weekly World News will no doubt be disappointed and I don't think that is such a bad thing. Good moves from nation to nation, including the US, Canada, Britain and much of Europe, devoting a healthy number of pages to how each government acquires its intelligence and then demonstrates how that has been applied to the UFO phenomenon. Gradually, the case for a cover-up grows stronger as does the sensible rationale to have one in the first place.

This is not to say that Good doesn't include his share of "an anonymous source has told me that..." instances of hearsay. Such things are unavoidable when dealing with the subject of UFOs, otherwise there would be no "conspiracy." Not only that, but Good's stance can hardly be called a neutral one. His drive to conclusively prove a UFO cover-up comes through loud and clear. For instance, Good includes this correspondence he had with former NASA astronaut, Scott Carpenter (p. 381). Carpenter said to Good: "...your continuing implication that I am lying and/or withholding truths from you. Your blindly stubborn belief in Flying Saucers makes interesting talk for a while, but your inability to rationally consider any thought that runs counter to yours makes further discussion of no interest--indeed unpleasant in prospect--to me."

Regardless of his insistent fervor, Good did provide a much-needed publication to the UFO field by virtue of the included documentation alone. Given the book's publication date, it obviously does not include more recent developments or progressive speculations, but I was glad to read in the closing pages that Good entertains the possibility that UFOs come perhaps not from outer space, but other dimensions.

For anyone wanting or needing a baseline knowledge of the modern UFO mythos, this is essential reading.

Joshua says

Well researched and documented overview of the secrecy surrounding the sightings, human interactions, and alleged crashes of all things UFO.

Carlo says

Dated but very good book for the UFO buff. Lot's of things that make you go hmmmm.

I believe this is the UFO bible....The Book for those with interest. It has been written a couple decades back but facts don't go away and the questions about them are shrouded in secrecy so they won't disappear.

Paul Darcy says

For the benefit of classification I've set this up in both the "fantasy" and the "non-fiction" sections because, even after reading the entire 584 pages - I'm still not convinced one way or the other about extraterrestrials.

Timothy Good has obviously done a ton of research into the many and varied sightings of UFOS over the past several decades (up to 1988 in this book anyhow) and seems, by his closing accounts, to "believe" that we are being visited by extraterrestrials and the governments of the earth are covering up this truth.

Hmm, I say. As much as I want to believe that I simply can't. Nothing in my personal experience leads me to conclude that beings from another planet are visiting us or sending intelligent probes to do the same. And, despite this large quantity of "evidence" (which I find suspect and circumstantial at best) presented in "Above Top Secret: The Worldwide UFO Cover Up" I just find myself not being convinced by it.

So is the book worth reading if you are interested in the UFO phenominum? I would have to say, not really, though many of the accounts are fascinating. If you must know what it is all about I'll summarize quickly. Tons of reports gathered by Timothy through letters, interviews and Freedom of Information Act released documents. Tons of them. Did I mention tons? Which makes for a pretty dull read let me tell you despite my interest in the subject matter.

At least I didn't find any "National Enquirer" references in the notes section.

But, tons, does not equate to "truth" in my opinion. If I tell you there are five lights over and over and over and over again, when in fact there are only four lights, chances are that over time through repetition and a sincere conviction on my part - you will come to believe that there are indeed five lights . . .

Yes, using a Science Fiction reference to make my point, but I think it is valid here.

So I let this book stand as "fantasy" and "non-fiction" and leave the believing up to the individual.

My personal opinion of the whole matter - the UFO phenominum is just a part of the program of the Matrix . . .

. . . no, really!

Chris says

A groundbreaking history of the UFO phenomenon focused on the governments of the world, what they know about UFOs and how they have handled the problem as well as their attempts to keep the matter secret.

Juliet says

Although dated, this was a fascinating read. Packed with a wide range of documents through the years, from a variety of different, credible sources. I was looking for a book with as much evidence of the existence of extraterrestrials, and this delivered. I dare skeptics to read this and do further research, before jumping to the

conclusion that we're the only beings in this universe. I definitely recommend this book to all UFO enthusiasts!

Lee Tracy says

I've owned this book since it was released in 1988, and I'm still impressed by it. Timothy Good covers the subject of the worldwide UFO coverup in a scholarly way, with an appendix of reproduced government documents, footnotes and an Index. There are separate chapters on Great Britain, France, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Australia, Canada, China, USSR, with the largest section covering the United States.

Micha Verg says

Timothy Good created a GROUND BRAKING book in a time when books on the subject had not yet reached a level of credibility needed for the subject. He published a book with a massive amount of detailed research backed up with plenty of FACTS. A great reference book. I recommend to the serious reader.

Erik Graff says

One of my best and oldest friends from high school did a stint as an editor for UFO Magazine after he moved from Chicago to San Francisco. Although I'd had an interest in the topic in elementary school, I'd pretty much let it go until he got involved. Then, during annual visits with him here or in California, I'd read from his collection of books on the subject, this being one of those read in San Francisco.

So far as I recall, this book is virtually a country by country listing of UFO events, demonstrating that the phenomenon, and, at the time, its cover-up, was world-wide.

Timmy says

This is the book that got me interested in UFOs. I dare anyone to read it and then tell me there's nothing to this. And there's so much more that I've learned since then. Read the book(s), find out for yourself what's been going on for thousands of years.

R. says

Main source of a report on UFOs for English class.

I blew the lid off the whole conspiracy.

"That Rocky sure knows a lot of stuff about UFOs."

"Perhaps *too* much."

"Maybe we should be his friend, just in case his facts and figures turn out to be true."

"Yes. If an invasion happens, we want him on our side."

"We better hurry...before the other girls get to him first!"

Peggy says

Good did his homework and the result is a fascinating look at a wide range of documents over time and from a variety of sources. It could have been dry, but never was for me.

Mark Schomburg says

Level-headed overview of publications and documents from about the 1940s to 1980s. Drawing from cases in Flying Saucer Review, and many others, the book presents a worldwide phenomenon geographically (and geo-politically). Instead of dwelling on any one event, the text continually moves on to further examples. That aspect makes it a bit dizzying, and even dry reading, a barrage of facts, reports and summaries, but actually its what lends the most credence to the whole subject of "cover-up." There is just so much data diversely collected here that the final impart to the reader is an overpowering sense of being left in the dark in a world where only special agencies are allowed access to reports of what is happening all over, where future technological possibilities are only afforded to the privileged and in-the-know set.

I can say personally, that this elitist governmental agency control of information specifically pertaining to UFOs is very offensive to me, having come from a family of science fiction illustration dating back before the lid was sealed on public UFO reporting. (i.e. my grandpa was doing flying saucer illustration on magazine covers from the 40s through the entire period covered in this book). It's been made quite clear that while a person could feel free to fantasize about aliens and spaceships via fictional outlets, the same is not true for factual information over the same half-century. The book closes with about fifty pages of reproduced declassified documents and reports from agencies such as the FBI, CIA, Air Force Agencies, & NASA which work well to immerse a reader in the real situation. The situation is a cloistered honeycomb of secrets, where one person in one agency doesn't know what anyone else is doing in other governmental units. The elite few who have access to facts cannot, in my opinion work fast enough in their secrecy to achieve nearly as much as public disclosure would. I think the result is a stagnation. Meanwhile real evidence it simply filed informationally and moved between secret document resources out of the view of everyone else. Bureaucracy with its inherent tunnel-vision has replaced action.

The author is to be lauded for not taking a non-factual approach, to appeal to primitive sympathies of the reader. He has written his piece to let the evidence present the case, with little pressure on the reader to form expected opinions, to "believe." Whether or not the UFO situation is indeed a real one, we are confronted with a picture of agencies manipulating and coveting information which was once public so that not only is it suppressed, but also it becomes distorted and meaningless. That's the cover-up, and that's what this book questions. Well-annotated.

Doug says

I admire Good's aims here, but upon a first reading I couldn't abide his style in this work. It reads like a military report, as barren as a dry lake bed. It's great to cite such reports, but not to lift one's style from one's sources, necessarily. That said, I do intend to revisit this book soon, as I am more impressed with his 'Need To Know'. The subject matter is too important to reject over style but still, as Tacitus has proven, style does matter.

Graham says

A brilliant book . Full of excellent information regarding this enigmatic phenomena. Credible testimony and evidence.
