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ALIEN ABDUCTIONS

Missing Time, Extraordinary Encounters and the
Search for Evidence

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PUBLISHING NOTE

This is a work of general-interest nonfiction about alleged alien abduction, anomalous experience, UFO history, sleep, memory, hypnosis and UAP investigation. It distinguishes contemporaneous documentation from later recollection, interpretation and speculation. Scientific and official sources were checked through August 2026 where relevant.

No alien-abduction claim is presented as established fact. Psychological explanations are discussed as evidence-based alternatives, not as diagnoses of individual witnesses. People can sincerely report frightening experiences without the cause being settled.

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PREFACE

Few claims are more intimate than alien abduction. A light in the sky can be watched from a distance; an abduction story says that the mystery entered a person's car, bedroom, body and memory. That is why the subject inspires such strong reactions. Believers see recurring details as evidence of a hidden encounter program. Skeptics see sleep paralysis, suggestion, cultural scripts and the known fallibility of memory. Many experiencers reject both extremes because the event felt too real to dismiss and too strange to explain.

This book treats the phenomenon as an evidence problem rather than a loyalty test. Testimony is evidence that a person reports an experience. It is not automatically evidence that the witness correctly identified its cause. Psychological explanations are hypotheses that can account for features of reports. They are not permission to ridicule witnesses or to assume that every case has already been solved.

The strongest approach separates four layers: the earliest documented observation, the witness's later memory, the interpretation placed on that memory and any independent physical evidence. The farther we move from the first layer, the greater the opportunity for expectation, media, hypnosis and repeated retelling to reshape the story.

Scientific and official sources were checked through August 2026 where relevant. No case in this volume is presented as confirmed extraterrestrial abduction. The purpose is to examine why these experiences became one of the defining mysteries of the modern UFO era and what kind of evidence would be required to move the debate beyond belief.

INTRODUCTION

When a Strange Memory Becomes an Encounter

A strange experience can be real without its first explanation being correct. That sentence is the key to the abduction mystery. A person may genuinely wake unable to move, see figures in the room, feel pressure, hear voices and remember a bright light. Another person may genuinely return from a drive with a time discrepancy and disturbing dreams. The scientific question is not whether the person experienced something. It is what produced the experience.

Alien-abduction reports are unusually difficult because the event is often reconstructed after the fact. There is rarely a continuous sensor record. The most detailed scenes may emerge during dreams, repeated interviews or hypnosis. At the same time, some famous cases contain contemporaneous distress, multiple witnesses or genuine unexplained intervals. That mixture keeps the subject alive.

The chapters ahead follow the phenomenon from pre-UFO folklore through the Hill case, Pascagoula, Travis Walton, Budd Hopkins, Whitley Strieber and John Mack, then into sleep science, memory research and modern UAP investigation. The goal is not to decide in advance what witnesses must have experienced, but to ask which parts of the story are documented, which are plausible and which remain claims in search of evidence.