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This is a work of general-interest nonfiction about lunar science, exploration history and extraordinary claims. Scientific uncertainty is described as uncertainty, not as proof of hidden technology. Claims involving secret bases, artificial structures or suppressed discoveries are discussed because they form part of modern Moon mythology; their inclusion does not imply endorsement. Mission data, peer-reviewed research and institutional sources are prioritized wherever a testable claim is available.

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PREFACE



The Moon is the most familiar world beyond Earth and, paradoxically, one of the easiest places to misunderstand. We see it every month. Human beings have walked on it. Orbiters have mapped nearly every kilometer of its surface. Samples returned by Apollo, Luna, Chang'e and other missions have transformed planetary science. Yet each new layer of knowledge has exposed new questions.

Why are the near side and far side so different? What happened inside the Moon after the enormous South Pole-Aitken impact? Why do bright lunar swirls trace invisible magnetic anomalies? How much water is stored in permanently shadowed polar craters, and how did it get there? What do moonquakes reveal about an interior that is colder than Earth's but not completely dead? These are genuine scientific mysteries.

Around those real puzzles has grown another Moon: a cultural Moon filled with artificial-satellite theories, secret bases, missing photographs, strange lights, hidden structures and claims that the Apollo missions discovered more than NASA admitted. Some of those stories begin with real observations. Others survive because a low-resolution photograph, misunderstood quotation or missing piece of historical context can be more exciting than a careful explanation.

This book keeps both worlds in view. It treats unexplained observations as questions rather than proof, and it tests extraordinary claims against mission records, geology, physics and modern lunar science. The goal is not to make the Moon less mysterious. It is to make the mysteries better.