

# Thousands of people have been kidnapped by UFOs, says expert

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You may have been kidnapped by space aliens and examined aboard their starships!

That's the startling claim of Bud Hopkins whose own daylight encounter with a UFO in 1964 launched him into a research project that produced astounding results.

"I'm convinced the number of people who have been abducted by space aliens runs into the tens of thousands," Hopkins told The NEWS.

"They can't recall their experiences because the aliens used hypnosis to wipe it from their minds. But many do have an awareness of a time gap — a period of lost time they can't recall."

Hopkins, an internationally acclaimed artist, has compiled his case histories into a book, "Missing Time" (Richard Marek, N.Y.), now in its second printing.

The title of his provocative study refers to the common experience of all abductees — of mysteriously having a few hours of their lives vanish without trace. Often they find themselves miles away from where they were only an instant before.

"As outrageous as it may seem," Hopkins said, "I firmly believe that these people — and others like them — have been abducted and taken aboard a UFO. After studying 230 cases involving 500 people, that's the answer I come up with."

According to Hopkins, selected children born in 1943 were in 1950 kidnapped by space aliens, transported aboard their UFOs, and then subjected to surgical procedures.

The experience was wiped from their minds through hypnosis and the human guinea pigs were released.

When the subjects reached the age of 16 they were ab-

ductor-aliens as smallish, humanoid creatures with white, puttylike skin, round, reflective, metallic eyes, clothed in one-piece jump suits.

• Each recalled floating and being moved at another's will. And each remembered being placed naked on a large table in an examination area.

• Each described the area as cold, with eye-straining white light coming from an unknown source.

• Each had marks, scars and blood on their bodies after the abductions. Long welts were visible on their groins and abdomens, although they felt no pain.

• In all cases, the subjects recalled having pieces of flesh removed as if for biopsies.

"As a result of my investigations, I've done a lot of call-in radio programs," Hopkins said. "And the calls I've received have been really incredible."

"I think I've had maybe one or two shows out of 20 when I didn't get a call from an abduction case. The cases are very common."

The New York-based artist-author believes there are literally tens of thousands of people throughout the world who are harboring a hidden agony — the



The first alleged abductees to come to the attention of experts were Barney and Betty Hill, who claimed to have been taken aboard a flying saucer in the White Mountains in 1966.

agony of being kidnapped and examined by aliens from outer space.

"The aliens seem to need a lot of people for whatever it is they're doing," Hopkins said. "Obviously they are not simply gathering information."

Like most of those who argue that space beings have — and still do — visit Earth, Hopkins

has his opponents, those who laugh at his research. But he has an answer:

"A leading astronomer once said, 'No one in our lifetime will ever get to the moon and back.'"

"That odd statement wasn't made in 1920 or 1930, but in 1955. Well, 14 years later, we were walking on the moon."

"Something is up there doing

things — medically doing things — to people, to people's bodies and minds, and to the ground, the soil, the radar sets and photographic film.

"There is no doubt in my mind whatsoever — space beings are visiting Earth and Earth people are being abducted and systematically examined by them."