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Great Hauntings; Power of the Earth; UFOs — Where do they come from? (Orbis Publishing; £1.99 each)

THREE more books in the new Orbis series of glossy paperback studies of some of the most intriguing mysteries of our world.

It was a bit surprising to find no mention of Pluckley, which likes to think of itself as the most haunted village in England, in *Great Hauntings*, where Kent has to be satisfied with a photograph of a spectral vicar apparently crouching among the pews in his church at Eastry.

Nor does Kent feature largely in *UFO mythology*, nor in the growing respectability of ley-line lore and associated doctrines of natural powers, the understanding of which has been lost to modern man.

Overcoming local insularity, though, these are splendidly illustrated, thought-provoking books which defy scepticism without indulging gullibility.

Good reading, whichever side of the fence you finally fall on.

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