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**Abduction by Jenny Randles (Robert Hale, £10.95)**

Jenny Randles is Britain's only professional UFO investigator. It's an unusual occupation, and this is an unusual book.

Abduction of humans by UFO pilots is, apparently, a common occurrence. Ms Randles recounts case histories in a (pardon the phrase) down-to-earth manner. Thousands of people who have been taken aboard a UFO are not aware of the experience, due to alien brain-washing, and know of the incident only as a time lapse in memory.

Although the back cover of the book plugs the more ribald cases ("The Brazilian farmer who was cosmically raped"), the book maintains an unhysterical air which has me more than half convinced about this phenomenon.

The aliens' reasons for taking humans for a flip is only hinted at, as no one really knows what they are up to, but it usually hinges on a medical "examination" and, fairly often, copulation. Doppelgangers for a planetary takeover, or mere medical curiosity / lust? Disturbing, either way. —