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# The strange and sinister journey of Zigmund Adamski



Alan Godfrey Mystery

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WHEN Zigmund Adamski vanished in Tingley, near Wakefield, during a 100-yard walk to the corner shop in the summer of 1980, it baffled his family, friends and the police. He had no reason to run away. He was happy because his cousin was on a visit from Poland, and the following day he was due to give away his goddaughter at her marriage. The mystery deepened in a tragic and sinister manner five days later, when Zigmund's body was found on top of a 15ft pile of coal in a yard at Todmorden railway station, 20 miles away — coincidentally the day after a young couple said they had seen a huge disc hovering above their house in the centre of the town, and watched it speed upwards. No-one could understand how the body had come to be where it was

apparently getting there in broad daylight, without anyone noticing. Nor could they explain strange burns and other superficial injuries. It was decided that death was due to heart failure.

As Jenny Randles and Peter Hough suggest in their new book *Death By Supernatural Causes?*, one of the policemen who were first called in when the body was found was then subjected not only to a close encounter with a UFO himself six months later but also to a witch-hunt which eventually drove him from the West Yorkshire Police.

Randles and Hough present a conspiracy theory, based on the view that PC Alan Godfrey was victimised for continuing to ask

awkward questions after being advised to "let sleeping dogs lie". "Too much ignorance has dominated this case," they declare. "Ignorance, for example, of what it means to undergo a strange and terrifying experience which you do not understand and did not ask for. Ignorance of just how brave (or foolish) it can be to talk about such events on a public platform. Knowing yourself that you are being honest is no guarantee that others will treat you honourably." The story, one of several ranging from spontaneous combustion to attacks by giant birds, makes disturbing reading. Although the truth behind Zigmund Adamski's death will probably never be known, it would be reassuring to be told the reasons for PC Godfrey's subsequent treatment. ● *Death By Supernatural Causes?* is published by Grafton at £2.99.