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Mysteries of the Unknown Series (Time-Life Books, £14.95 for ten books)

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All those fascinated by the paranormal, start writing out a cheque for £14.95.

That's a fairly sizeable sum, but you get a supernatural amount of reading for your money.

I read two of the books in the series, The UFO Phenomenon and Phantom Encounters, and I am duly impressed.

The UFO Phenomenon is by far the better of the two; analytical, unhysterical and well-documented accounts and examinations of things that go whiz in the sky.

It is one of the most up-to-dat books on the subject, touching on all the latest theories and controversies dealt with at length in other recently published books.

It has some fascinating photographs (the best ones are hoaxes, unfortunately) and it is a handsome book.

It has one irritating failing, though.

In the middle of the on-going narrative of the book are pages devoted to side-notes, anecdotes and theories.

They don't come where there is a natural

break in the flow, so you either have to read past them and try to remember to come back, or break off and read them as you are going.



This poor editing technique is also used in the other, less interesting, book which is a collection of accounts of phantoms, spectres, doppelgangers and ghosts.

But they are both worth having, and I'd like to have a look at the other books in the series.
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