

# 'Kidnap victims' of ETs tell all under hypnotism

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**T**HEY'RE out there. Removing brains. Taking women's eggs. Creating a hybrid race.

Tiny creatures with giant heads. Giant creatures with tiny heads. Creatures with heads like honeydew melons. They've all been here, sneaking through the sky in spacecraft, vacuuming up earthlings, poking and probing us in unspeakable ways. Or so we're told.

They're aliens, extra-terrestrials, the little green men. And they've been getting away with it for eons, because we poor humans don't remember the encounters. Either the memories are so horrible we repress them, or the tricky extra-terrestrials make us forget.

But we've been evolving, too. Now UFOlogists such as psychologist Edith Fiore have a way to make us remember: hypnotise abductees, and they talk.

Actually, they talk their heads off, going on for hours in a single session, telling of cruising alien ships, ETs taking them on board. And not all the experiences are bad. San Francisco Bay Area abductees have told Fiore about aliens curing ailments from yeast infections to cancer

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Fiore herself remembered, under hypnosis, being abducted in 1980. The aliens beamed her up from her bedroom in Los Gatos, California, one night, and showed her around their spaceship.

"It was just a typical roundish interior, kind of shiny, low lights," she says. "I wasn't frightened at all." But then, she knew what to expect.

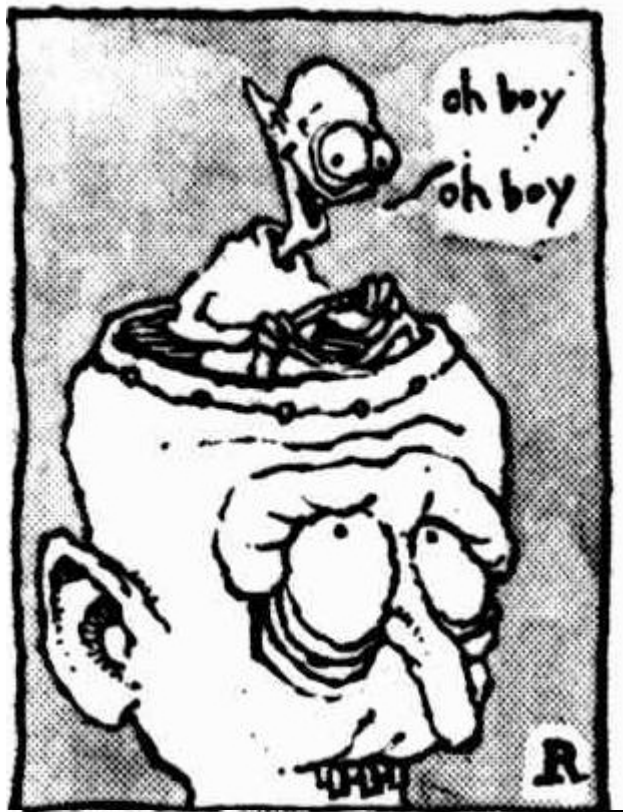
Fiore has compiled 13 case histories of abductees into a book, *Encounters*, in which she also explains how to tell if you have been taken. Indications are: gaps of time you can't account for; marks on your body you can't explain; or dreams about UFOs or extra-terrestrials.

Fiore lists 25 other hypnotherapists who work with abductees in her book; 11 of them are in the Bay area around San Francisco.

Local abductees can call in reports to a UFO hot line based in Menlo Park, California. Those who've gone up, and those who study them, say abductions follow a pattern. It's night. They're alone. There's a bright light, then suddenly a pack of aliens.

Standard-issue ETs are short (around 130cm) with big heads, light-grey skin, no hair, slender

light-grey skin, no hair, slender bodies, and "a silver jumpsuit or something of the sort," Fiore says. Virgil Staff, chairman of an organisation of UFO watchers, said, "There's not much known about



the feet. . . . Witnesses frequently say they couldn't see feet."

The abductee is sucked into a spaceship. The preferred vehicles for Bay Area aliens are saucers, though some ships look like "balls of fire", Staff says. Then they're given a physical examination that requires many probes. Fiore said, "They are examined in every orifice of their body by a number of these . . . aliens."

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two reports in November, two in December and one in January. "But for every abductee we learn about", he said, "there are dozens, hundreds, maybe thousands we don't know about."

"Some of the ETs have been compassionate, but the typical story is the abductees are treated like laboratory animals."

Diane Tai, mother of two, Chinese herb distributor and cosmic frequent flier, explains about the aliens who've been dropping by for more than 20 years.

Ever since they planted something in her brain, she's been able to contact them whenever she likes. They call her sometimes, too, with advice or information about the future.

In her most vivid memory, gentle, big-headed aliens took her from her bedroom.

"I remember dark eyes, bigger eyes and more slanted eyes," she said. "Not real crazy like in some pictures, more gentle. . . . They were tall and thin and had bigger heads, but just slightly. They did not communicate through words."

First, she found herself in a cold room with a brilliant blue light that had something to do with killing bacteria. Then came an examination.

"They were very interested in taking all kinds of blood, making analyses and laboratory workups," she said. "There was a machine over my head for some time. I felt

as though something had been put into my mind. There was something going on there. They also cut inside, things were going in through my abdomen and I didn't have any anaesthesia."

It wasn't such a bad experience, she says. Afterwards they took her into a round auditorium with 200 other people. A giant screen flashed picture after picture of scenes from earth: ocean, sky, smokestacks, people in hospitals. She became inspired to help people take care of themselves, and to become better caretakers of the planet.

"After, it was like I had a sense of purpose," she said. "Like, yeah, now I know now what I'm supposed to do."

James Harder, a civil-engineering professor at the University of California, Berkeley, says feelings of being on a mission are a common result of interplanetary chats. Alien encounters are his avocation. He's been collecting data for 30 years, and has interviewed more than 300 abductees, including Fiore.

He says 95 per cent of people who've been abducted by aliens have no idea it happened. He hypnotises people to make them remember, if they fit a certain profile: active in the peace movement, convinced UFOs are real, pursue a spiritual path of enlightenment and have psychic ability.

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to the rest of the galaxy, Harder said. "I think some are trying to guide us to a better way of life."

Harder also says sceptics are threatened by the idea of something smarter than them lurking out there.

Phillip J. Klass, former editor of *Aviation Week* magazine and author of books debunking UFO claims, also thinks people who believe they were abducted are responding to hypnotic suggestion. He suspects many are just looking for a little celebrity.

Klass, who has spent 25 years investigating UFO claims, has a standing offer to pay \$US10,000 (\$A12,788) to any abductee, provided the Federal Bureau of Investigation backs up the story. No one has come forward so far.

UFO believers accuse the FBI and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration of a massive cover-up dating back to the 1940s.

Staff said, "It appears the Government has one or more vehicles, in addition to bodies. But they've locked people up, brainwashed them, maybe even terminated them, so we can't be expected to produce hard evidence."

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