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Aliens 'snatch humans for experiments'

ALIEN BEINGS have repeatedly snatched humans from earth to conduct breeding experiments, according to a book of interviews with those who say they were abducted.

David Jacobs, a Temple University professor whose speciality is 20th century US history, acknowledges the bizarre nature of the evidence he presents in the book, *Secret Life — Firsthand Accounts of UFO Abductions*, is more often the

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stuff of sensational tabloids dismissed as bunk by most serious scientists.

But he said in a recent interview that "down to the most precise detail", the 60 abductees' stories of more than 300 incidents are remarkably similar, and he has found no reason to disbelieve them.

Dr John Mack, a Harvard University Medical School professor who plans his own book on the subject, said in a foreword to Jacobs's book: "Population surveys suggest that hundreds of thousands and possibly more than a million persons in the United States alone may be abductees . . ."

In a telephone interview Mack, a psychiatrist, said he had worked with some 40 people who claimed to have had these experiences.

Far from being close encounters with benign beings as imagined by fiction writers or screen directors, the abductees in Jacobs's book describe their experiences as "horrendous, heart-rending, a daily dose of pain".

They tell of being abducted usually at night from their beds, when they are physically lifted by a beam of light to an Unidentified Flying Object, disrobed and physically examined from feet to head, with particular emphasis

on the genitals.

One of the first popular accounts of UFO abduction was published by *Look Magazine* in 1966 — the story of Betty Hill and her husband, Barney, who said they were abducted in 1961.

The Hills said they were subjected to a physical examination aboard the space craft. The incident became the subject of a book by John Fuller, which in turn became *The UFO Incident*, a 1975 television film.