

Little green men want human test subjects; inquire within

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Tiny little men from outer space are descending upon Earth, abducting people at random and subjecting them to a battery of medical tests.

Don't believe it? You might after checking out Dr. John Mack's *Abduction*. Mack has interviewed over 60 people who claim to have been abducted by alien beings. None of the people are mentally ill, Mack claims, and none knew each other prior to the interviews. But the stories all have a familiar ring; bright

lights in the sky, little men (who look like human embryos) conducting a series of medical tests and a lasting sense of societal displacement.

The abductees have differing reactions to the encounters. Some are terrified by the beings and become reclusive after the incidents. Others feel affection towards the creatures, like sharing some sort of special bond. One abductee, one of the world's most prominent businessmen, credits the alien abductions of his youth for his corporate success. The people interviewed by Mack are not extremists recalling dreams or hallucinations. They are the survivors of real-life experiences that challenge the basic assumptions of humanity's place in the universe. The ab-

ductees share sexual and telepathic experiences with the aliens beyond the realm of human understanding. The aliens seem to be testing humans for roles as mates or as guinea pigs in some sort of cosmic experiment, Mack suggests.

While the validity of UFO abductions remains to be proven, Mack does make a good case for the phenomena with strong factual writing. Actor Josef Sommer, who reads the text on the Simon and Schuster Audio version of *Abduction*, does a fine job with Mack's academic prose, though his stiff rendition of the abductees' informal comments is somewhat grating. Overall *Abduction* makes for some interesting and entertaining reading, (or listening.) Recommended.