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## Review of "Area 51" novel by Robert Doherty

From: **Tim Joiner**

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Subject: Review of "Area 51" novel by Robert Doherty

I just finished the fictional novel "Area 51" by the pseudonymous author Robert Doherty. Here's a brief synopsis, and some comments.

First, on the author. The inside of the back cover says that Robert Doherty is a pen name for a "Best-selling military suspense novelist." Your guess is as good as mine, but the writing style very much resembles that of Tom Clancy. The military jargon and descriptions of military equipment are quite in-depth and convincing. The author obviously is up-to-speed on current UFO happenings, and where he strays from conventional UFO wisdom, it appears to be more "poetic license" than ignorance.

The story is about our favorite secret government testing facility, Area 51, and what really goes on there. It seems there are indeed 9 flying saucers there, called "Bouncers" because the first test pilots who managed to get them flying were bounced all around the insides of the things until they learned to control them better. These bouncers were not recovered crashed saucers but rather were found, intact, after government scientists found ancient egyptian-style hieroglyphics called "high runes" which had been found at various sacred sites around the globe. While the high rune text proved indecipherable, there were maps which led them to 7 bouncers which had been buried under the antarctic ice for more than 10,000 years, and two more bouncers buried deep in the mountains of Nevada, along with a huge, mile-long mothership. So, Area 51 was built where it is because that's where they found the huge mothership, and it was too big to move.

After 50 years of research, the Majic-12 controllers have finally managed to open the mothership, and are planning a test flight. One member of Majic-12, an ex-nazi physicist who has been with the program from the start, is convinced that starting the engines of the mothership is a huge mistake and may possibly destroy the planet. He's joined by a Linda Howe-type lady journalist, a Rambo-style disillusioned commando, and an intellectual-type egyptologist on their trek to stop the insane Majic-12 leader and save the world. There's even a cameo appearance by an obvious clone of our own webmeister, Glenn Campbell. Unfortunately, he meets a rather untimely end in a car crash after leading a covert snoop-mission too far into Area 51, and seeing a little more than mere mortals are allowed to see by the powers-that-be. It's quite hilarious.

I won't give away any more of the story, but be prepared to learn the secrets of the pyramids, Easter Island, the secret underground base at Dulce, NM, alien abductions, crop circles, and much more. If you're a stickler for Area 51 detail, you will surely find something to ruffle your feathers, but over-all it's a whopper of a story, and well told. I give it 9 saucers out of 10.

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