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## Sir Arthur Conan Doyle on "air snakes"

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Relevance: UFO Personalities - Arthur Conan Doyle.

It isn't whether the passage is intended to be truth or fiction, since 41,300 feet would have been an unattainable altitude prior to Doyle's death in 1930. --GC

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SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE DESCRIBED RODS IN THE EARLY DAYS OF FLYING!!!

Whitley Strieber recently contacted me about a new book that's published through POCKET BOOKS, edited and introduced by FREDERICK FORSYTH, entitled: GREAT FLYING STORIES. In the book on page 61, there is a chapter on a story written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle from a book entitled: HORROR OF THE HEIGHTS. On page 71 of the chapter there is a description of what a pilot is seeing, as he is flying at about 41,300 feet...

"But soon my attention was drawn to a new phenomenon --- the serpents of the outer air. These were long, thin, fantastic coils of vapour-like material, which turned and twisted with great speed, flying round and round at such a pace that the eyes could hardly follow them. Some of these ghost-like creatures were twenty or thirty feet long, but it was difficult to tell their girth, for their outline was so hazy that it seemed to fade away into the air around them. These air-snakes were of a very light grey or smoke colour, with some darker lines within, which gave the impression of a definite organism. One of them whisked past my very face, and I was conscious of a cold, clammy contact, but their composition was so insubstantial that I could not connect them with any thought of physical danger, any more than the beautiful bell-like creatures, [he had described huge bell-like objects that resemble Jellyfish before this section appears in

the manuscript], which had preceded them. There was no more solidity in their frames than in the floating spume from a broken wave."

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