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Darlington's Area 51 book has arrived!

From: Glenn Campbell <campbell@ufomind.com>
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It wasn't supposed to be here until November, but it just came in: David Darlington's new book about Area 51. More precisely, it is about us, the Dreamland Interceptors, and I understand that Your Moderator is the central character. (I'm not sure yet whether I want to be.)

I haven't read it yet, but when I'm done I'll post a review. No grand revelations are expected, but it appears to be the most intelligent book written about the subject.

Although I won't have an on-line catalog entry for a couple of days, the book is available for immediate shipment from the Research Center for \$25.00 plus \$4.00 priority mail postage. (You'll have it in about 3 days.) Send us an email message with your credit card information (to area51rc@aol.com), or call us at 702-729-2648.

BTW: We should have secure on-line ordering within a couple weeks.

[From the book cover...]

AREA 51: THE DREAMLAND CHRONICLES
The Legend of America's Most Secret Military Base

By David Darlington

Published by Henry Holt & Company
281 pages. \$25.00

Could the U.S. government -- or some other unnamed entity -- be hiding captured alien spacecraft in the Nevada desert? Or is this merely a modern myth brought on by half a century of Cold War paranoia?

Area 51, Dreamland, Groom Lake, Paradise Ranch, Watertown Strip, the Box: all refer to the top-secret research installation, located a hundred miles north of Las Vegas,

that has inspired these odd questions. Built under the direction of the CIA in the 1950s, when its location qualified as the most remote and secure place in the continental United States, the base served as the original test site for the U-2 spyplane and F-117 stealth fighter.

In more recent years, public interest in Area 51 has arisen from its role in the governments \$30 billion "Black Budget," from lawsuits claiming worker illness due to toxic burning, and from sensational charges about UFOs. In the process, the once obscure operating location in the Nevada desert -- mere discussion of which can cost an employee ten thousand dollars and ten years in jail -- has come to stand for all that is shadowy and nefarious about the military-industrial-intelligence complex. Lately, however, a feisty guerrilla subculture has sprung up, aiming to explode the secrecy that surrounds this mysterious spot.

In "Area 51: The Dreamland Chronicles," David Darlington unfolds the history, legends, and characters involved with Area 51, weaving a weird tale of intrigue and outrage that speaks volumes about popular culture and American democracy at the end of the twentieth century.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

David Darlington is the critically acclaimed author of "The Mojave," "In Condor Country," and "Angels' Visits." He lives in the San Francisco Bay area.

ADVANCE PRAISE FOR "AREA 51"

"This witty yet disturbing book reminds us that citizens in a free society still have the power to challenge the secret activities of government. But when some of David Darlington's colorful characters begin to dispute the laws of nature as well as the laws of man, the controversy over Area 51 goes beyond "Who's right?" to raise the question "What's real?"

-- Steven Aftergood, Director, Project on Government Secrecy, Federation of American Scientists

QUOTE FROM BACK COVER

"Despite having gone behind a cloud, the sun was sending a beam of rays directly onto Groom Lake, causing its surface to gleam like a plate beneath a spotlight. The distinctness of the base itself was obscured by the lowering angle of the sun, which backlit the entire scene. We would have to wait until the next morning for this arrangement to be reversed, sunlight flooding the place from the foreground to illuminate every nook and cranny. For the moment, though, one fact was immediately obvious: For a nonexistent base, this was a very extensive installation, with scores of structures littering an area of more than fifty square miles." -- From "Area 51"

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