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This book provides "confirmation" only for people who are true believers anyway, and any "hard evidence" is hard to find in these pages. Instead, this book offers only "soft evidence," which is Strieber offering his analysis of current UFO cases. This book is the equivalent of going to an auditorium for a two-hour Strieber monologue on UFOs. This is fine if you like to hear Strieber talk (as millions do), but we are not blessed with that facility. Within five minutes, we are squirming in our chair, and after fifteen our bum is beginning to hurt. We want to walk out, but Strieber promised hard evidence and we're still waiting for it. There are some photographs: a couple dozen black-and-white shots of fuzzy UFOs and supposed abductee scars. One picture shows a sliver of glass-like material removed from an implant victim. Well, it certainly looks hard. Our favorite picture, though, is the CAT scan of Whitley Strieber's brain. There it is, don't you see it? -- hard evidence! Unfortunately, we can't make out much in that tiny picture, but we know it must be there. There must be something making him talk and talk without actually saying anything. Or maybe that's just what novelists do: obfuscate and delay. Try as he might, Strieber can never be a UFO journalist of the calibre of Jerome Clark or Timothy Good. He and his books are too self-centered, and strike us as phony in spirit if not fact. We want to stand up and shout, "Give us something new!" but we opt instead to slip out the back and leave him droning on. -- *Glenn*

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