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In a blow to the the idea that flying saucers are an American commodity, Bill Chalker presents an excellent portrayal of the UFO situation in Australia. Chalker comes from a no-nonsense science background and it shows in this conservative, well grounded effort. Don't mistake conservative for boring... there's some plenty-weird goings-on in the Outback. In one sense, it is familiar stuff: saucer sightings, abductions, trace cases, strange crashes, etc. But that's part of what makes it so intriguing... that similar phenomena (or delusions, if you prefer) are occurring in widely scattered locations on our planet. The format resembles that of the Timothy Good books, with plenty of references, and it makes a good supplement to [Above Top Secret](#). Overall, a very comprehensive work on the current UFO climate Down Under. Imported from Australia by special arrangement. -- *Glenn Campbell*

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This book contains the first authoritative account of Australian UFO experiences ever published. Author Bill Chalker is a scientist and a leading UFO researcher. He was the first outsider ever granted access to the Royal Australian Air Force's classified UFO files. Here he presents the evidence of police, pilots, top public servants, missionaries, scientists and other credible witnesses. What he found may astound you.

- What was the strange craft that followed pilot Frederick Valentich until he disappeared over Bass Strait in 1978?
- Is the Australian military hiding the wreckage of UFO crashes at the secret government weapon and aircraft testing installation at Salisbury in South Australia?
- Who or what abducted Kelly Cahill and two other women outside Melbourne in 1993?

- Why was the Drury UFO film deleted after the government handed it over to American Intelligence?

There are also many true stories of ordinary Australians whose unexplainable experiences have changed their lives. In some cases they produced trauma, breakdown, even death, but in others there was enlightenment and personal transformation.

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