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Bargain = Very High: Rich in bibliographic references, valuable to serious researchers.

A series of articles on the various religious movements that have been formed around UFO beliefs, including Rael, the Unarius Society, Heaven's Gate and the Contactee movement. This book is a fascinating study, not of UFOs, but of the people who believe in them and have taken their belief to the religious extreme. Although a couple of the articles seem dry and academic, the rest are fascinating, including histories of the Raelian movement and the Unarius Society. The most interesting article is a history of the Bo and Peep cult -- written a couple of years before the group became known as Heaven's Gate and committed suicide in Rancho Santa Fe, California. Especially useful to researchers are the extensive bibliographic references, including an 80-page bibliography for the Contactee movement. --
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-- David Christopher Lane, Mount San Antonio College

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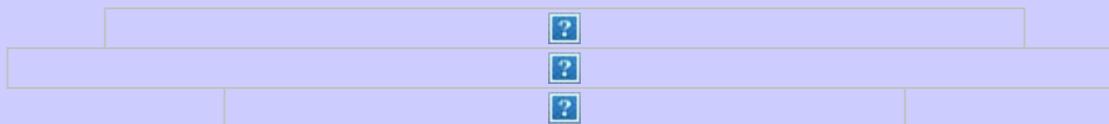
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