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UFOs from a New Zealand perspective. On first inspection, this seems to be a reasonable local study of UFOs, with little rehashing of worldwide claims. Where foreign cases are mentioned, it is usually in relation to New Zealand ones. New Zealand is not a very big country, so there are not a lot of cases, so those described seem well documented, including photos and drawings. Includes an 11-page declassified report from the New Zealand Defence Force on the Kaikoura radar-visual sighting, arguing that in favor of natural phenomena. -- *Glenn Campbell*

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Publisher's Synopsis

New Zealand has had its share of mysterious happenings and unidentified flying objects, from the 1909 "scareships," through the world famous Kaikoura UFOs of the seventies, to crop circles and abductions. There have been hundreds of recorded sightings this century and possibly thousands more not recorded. This book attempts a history of UFOs in New Zealand. Taking the most famous cases, the author presents and then analyses the information and leaves it to the reader to decide if we are indeed being visited by aliens from outspace, unknown terrestrial life forms or natural phenomena we don't yet understand. The results are both fascinating and little frightening -- whatever the answers, it cannot be denied that something did happen in many cases, something that could not be explained away.

From the Book Cover

Witnessing a UFO -- an unidentified flying object -- can be a shattering experience. Nine out of ten UFO witnesses do nothing, fearing ridicule. Yet New Zealand has had its far share of mysterious happenings and unidentified objects, from the 1909 'scareships' and the flying saucers of the 1950s, to the world-famous Kaikoura lights of the 1970s and more recent evidence of an alien presence -- burnt circles, claimed abductions and alien sightings. Many are later indentified as natural phenomena -- bright stars, satellites, ball lightning -- yet there are still hundreds of sightings that are as yet unexplained.

In this book, Peter Hassall presents a history of UFOs in New Zealand. Many are already well known, having made the major newspapers, but there are others that have been kept quiet for years -- and asome that have been "hushed up" by official sources. The evidence is documented, and suggestions are made as to what or who may be responsible. The results are both fascinating and a little frightening -- for many cannot be explained away; something very odd happened, somethign we do not yet understand. Also, the full official New Zealand Defence Force report into the Kaikoura UFO sightings is made public for the first time in this book.

Various UFO interest groups are discussed, including the bizarrer, with chapters devoted to the many scientific efforts

that have been made made to discover the origins of UFOs. It is left to the reader to make their own decision about what is actually out there.

Peter Hassall has been a UFO researcher for over twenty years and has built up extensive files on New Zealand sightings as well as keeping up with overseas cases and theories. He approaches the data with a sceptical eye, but admits that in a small percentage of reports the event cannot be explained. It is this element of his research that makes it most exciting. Peter Hassall currently lives and works in Wellington.

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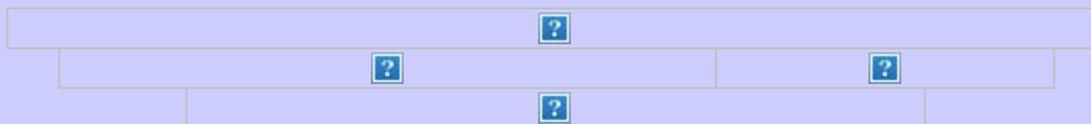
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