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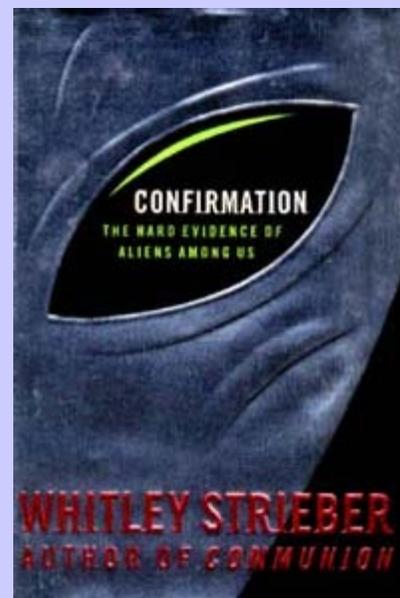
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This book provides "confirmation" only for people who are true believers anyway, and "hard evidence" is hard to find in its pages. Instead, this book offers only "soft evidence," which is Strieber giving his analysis of current UFO cases. This book is the equivalent of going to an auditorium for a two-hour Strieber monologue. This is fine if you like to hear Strieber talk (as millions do), but we are not blessed with that facility.

The proposed "hard evidence" is alien implants, the objects supposedly removed from the bodies of abductees. Now that we are talking about physical objects and not human memory, we are moving into the realm of physical science. You can run your implant through a battery of chemical tests which produce concrete results. As a novelist, not a science writer, Strieber is completely unqualified to report on these results and only obscures them. There are photographs: about two 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, but this evidence is as debatable as it has always been, and Strieber doesn't seem to add anything. To us, this book seems that same as all his others -- just a long-winded novel that provides lots of emotion but few specifics.

Our favorite picture is the CAT scan of Whitley Streiber's brain. There it is, don't you see it?... the hard evidence -- Whitley Streiber has a brain! 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 really saying anything. Or maybe that's just what novelists do: obfuscate, dramatize and delay.

That's not to say that this book is useless. Indeed, it is a pretty good record of the UFO "hot topics" of the past few years: the implant surgeries of Roger Leir; the "rods" videotaped in Midway, NM; the Mexico City videos; the objects photographed from Space Shuttle STS-48, etc. Everything is thrown into the thin soup of soft evidence with no significant skepticism added. There's even an interview with Monsignor Corrado Balducci, supposedly from the Vatican, who was the source of an internet flap only weeks before the release of this book. Strieber is nothing if not contemporary, and this book could have value as a cultural record. -- *Glenn Campbell*

Comparison to Other Books

Dr. Roger Leir's [Aliens and the Scalpel](#) is a much more useful book on implant claims.

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This book is at once a journey of scientific discovery and the story of the personal struggle Whitley Strieber has fought since he had an apparent close encounter in 1985, which he recounted in [Communion: A True Story](#). He has been criticized for creating folklore; he has been called insane, labeled a liar and a cult leader. Naturally, he wants to correct the record. But more than that, he has come to feel certain that something truly earthshaking is happening, something far stranger, far more incredible than anyone suspected, which has made mankind vulnerable.

To change all this, what he's needed is [physical proof](#). He has it, and this book is the story of how he got it and what it is.

Strieber first reviews all the evidence for UFOs -- including the remarkably dramatic and repeated sightings over Mexico City filmed by so many people -- as well as the testimony thousands have given about their close encounter experiences, before turning to shocking new physical evidence: five implants surgically removed under controlled and documented conditions from the bodies of people who have reported contact with aliens. The study of these "implants" -- what they are made of, how they function, and what their ultimate purpose is -- holds the final answers to this whole puzzle.

In addition, in a remarkable appendix, Monsignor Corrado Balducci of the Congregation of the Evangelization of Peoples and Propagation of the Faith discusses the perspective of the Catholic Church on the whole matter of alien contact and what it means within a religious perspective.

Whitley Strieber is widely known for his bestselling account of his own close encounter, [Communion: A True Story](#). He is engaged in the most advanced research being conducted into the physical evidence of close encounters.

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