

UFOs – Establishing the Reality Thereof – A Suggested Reading List

1. “UFOs – Generals, Pilots, and Government Officials Go on the Record,” (2010) by Leslie Kean - (Forward by John Podesta)

It is a superb book in the sense that it is a nice compilation of some of the best cases known among ufologists in one book. Significant amount of the cases are written in the witnesses' own words. This book is a great resource for both experienced ufologist and novice alike.

2. “Flying Saucers and Science,” (2008) by Stanton Friedman, MSc. in Physics - (Forwards by Dr. Edgar Allen Mitchell and Dr. Bruce Maccabee)

This book is written by nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman, a respected pioneer in the field of ufology. It's a wonderful book in the sense that it presents us with a perspective of the whole field of ufology and what has been occurring since the beginning and now. In addition, he does a bit of philosophizing with respect to the practice of science and ufology, some resources for the perspective ufologist, and addresses some of the kinds of questions and strategies debunkers appeal to in trying to discredit the field of ufology accompanied with his counter views.

3. “The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects,” (1956) by Edward J. Ruppelt

Ruppelt organized and was chief of the Air Force's Project Blue Book from 1951-1953. Additionally, Ruppelt is the person who coined the term UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) as he makes clear in the book. He introduces the reader of the notion that there are different senses of the word “unidentified” and illuminates to the reader that the Air Force was interested in a special category of unidentified, i.e., “Unknowns”. He was there, as they say, when the controversy of the “Estimate of the Situation” occurred. Indeed, he suggests that perhaps the document might still be lurking somewhere. He presents some compelling cases as well. This book is an invaluable source for any serious minded ufologist.

4. “The UFO Controversy in America,” (1975) by Dr. David Jacobs (Forward by Dr. J. Allen Hynek)

This book is superb. It was originally David Jacob's doctoral dissertation in history, which he expanded on in this book. The style of writing is academic and therefore, it's excellently written and well referenced. It provides the novice and experienced ufologist superb historical data and information as to the nature of the controversy of ufology, which is being played out even now.

Hence, this book is extremely relevant and therefore, important. It addresses certain issues in depth: “The Estimate of the Situation” and the destruction of this important document, the Robertson Panel and the Condone Committee. In addition, he provides references as to the source of his information. The 1952 wave and the rise of NICAP are addressed as well. This book is invaluable for any ufologist.

5. “The UFO Experience – A scientific Inquiry,” (1972) by J. Allen Hynek

This book was written by astrophysicist Dr. J. Allen Hynek. He worked with Project Blue Book for about 20 years and during that time was an avid debunker as the air force encouraged it. As years went on, he could no longer rationalize the truth away and became one of the most important and influential ufologist of all times. Ever wonder where the term “Close Encounter of the First kind”, or Second Kind etc. came from? Indeed, it is from this seminal book. His book is an analytical at the UFO phenomenon.

6. “Statement On Unidentified Flying Objects,” (1968) by Dr. James E. McDonald

This was originally submitted to the House Committee on Science and Astronautics on July 29, 1968. James McDonald, the pioneer in the field of ufology was an atmospheric physicist, and professor at the University of Meteorology. He provides a concise, yet, erudite analysis why UFOs should be taken seriously along with his presentation of 41 compelling cases in a methodical fashion. Writing style is clear and analytical.

7. “Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14” (1955)

This is Project Blue Book’s official final report on UFOs . It is an in-depth study of 3,201 cases in which 21.5% were unknowns, which is not to be confused with a separate category of unidentified in which 9.3% were classed as “insufficient information”. This is important for it coincides with Ruppelt’s assertion that this special category of “Unknowns” is what the Air Force was interested in. I would obtain this report from <http://www.stantonfriedman.com> because you’ll receive the report along with the press release from the military. This is important for the press release is evidence of the military trying to cover-up this valuable data by misrepresenting the conclusions reached from the report. We can thank Stanton Friedman who has brought attention of this report along with the press release.

8. “The UFO Evidence,” (1964) Edited by Richard Hall

This book (report) is excellent and deals with literally hundreds of cases. It approaches ufology in a very systematic manner. For example, an entire chapter (or section as is the term in the report) devoted to the evidence in which points to intelligent control: pacing of vehicles, reactions to stimuli, formation flights. There are chapters devoted to sightings by military (Air force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps), pilots and aviation experts, and scientists and engineers. In addition, there is a chapter devoted to “Special Evidence,” i.e., electro-magnetic effects, radar cases, photographic evidence, physical and physiological effects, etc.

9. “UFOs and Defense, What Should We Prepare For,” (1999)

This is also known as the COMETA Report among ufologists. It’s a three year study conducted by 13 former generals, scientists, and space experts in France. The preamble is written by André Lebeau, the former President of the National Center for Space Studies (Centre National D’études Spatiales or CNES); France’s equivalent of NASA. The report concludes with a hypothesis that some of these sightings of crafts are of extraterrestrial in origin.

This reading list is by no means comprehensive, for example, books and interviews by authors such as Kevin Randle, Richard Dolan, among others should be explored. However, the readings are a good start. At the very least, one should come away with a sense that the UFO phenomenon warrants serious consideration and that some of these UFOs could possibly be in fact of extraterrestrial origin.