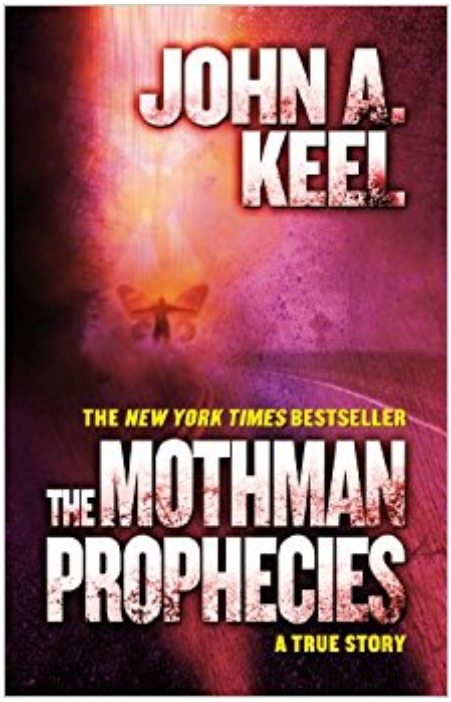
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The Mothman Prophecies: A True Story



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Synopsis

West Virginia, 1966. For thirteen months the town of Point Pleasant is gripped by a real-life nightmare culminating in a tragedy that makes headlines around the world. Strange occurrences and sightings, including a bizarre winged apparition that becomes known as the Mothman, trouble this ordinary American community. Mysterious lights are seen moving across the sky. Domestic animals are found slaughtered and mutilated. And journalist John Keel, arriving to investigate the freakish events, soon finds himself an integral part of an eerie and unfathomable mystery.Translated into over thirteen languages, John Keel’s The Mothman Prophecy is an unsettling true story of the paranormal that has long been regarded as a classic in the literature of the unexplained.

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Ã¢â ¬Å“An essential read. Even if you just enjoy good suspense, when Keel talks of his own experiences with Men in Black, stolen evidence, and intimidation via eerie phone calls and visitations, you’ll want to keep reading.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â ¢Strange HorizonsÃ¢â ¬Å“The Mothman remains a potent piece of American folklore.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â ¢CNN

JOHN A. KEEL was a prominent journalist and UFOlogist, credited with coining the term "Men in Black." His books include The Mothman Prophecies and Our Haunted Planet. He died in 2009.

Great new edition. A classic non-fiction book on the paranormal. My favorite book on the subject. I

am from West Virginia and the legend of the Mothman lives on in these hollows due to this critically acclaimed book by genius fortean author John A. Keel. His ideas on UFOs were way ahead of their time. Does not believe the typical Extraterrestrial hypothesis. Considers them energy and inter-dimensional beings. A much more exciting premise, in my opinion. This particular edition is really cool. Love the artwork, the size, etc.

In my opinion this book was written by someone who had become involved with paranormal forces. For author John Keel the Men In Black, flying saucers, cattle mutilations, crop circles, alien abductions, and other related subjects are really all different manifestations of the same phenomenon.Keel apparently started interacting with shape shifting entities who could impersonate regular people and appear as telephone repair guys or anyone else. When these entities start attacking people they can drive someone to the brink of insanity because the person can no longer determine what's real as most of us understand reality.Keel perhaps made the mistake of trying to outwit these strange beings at times like following up with the phone company about his various phone problems for example. Those types of efforts are futile since the shape shifters are always many steps ahead of us mortals. Trying to act on what they say and do will only lead into another section of an inescapable maze of confusion.In the book Keel's misadventures with those beings are mixed in with some of his philosophical views. Keel sort of lumped religion, philosophy, and the paranormal all together in the book which I didn't think was that great. I don't for example believe that the flash of light that caused Saint Paul's famous conversion came out of a flying saucer.Keel was skeptical about many things. Skepticism has its place but it can also be the destroyer of imagination. He also seemed to have a sort of condescending attitude about things others experienced.Keel was fond of saying: "Belief is the enemy of truth."That's a sort of vague statement that matches up well with some of his views in the book.The Men In Black or whoever the Hell they are apparently gave Keel not only the date but the specific time when something terrible was going to happen. This prophecy was wrong about exactly what was going to happen and the scope of the disaster. However it was deadly accurate about the date and time. This doesn't mean the MIBs didn't know what was going to happen. It only means they did not tell John all the details.There's a dangerous side to all of this. The Men In Black have been associated with strange disappearances, abductions, attempted murders, and actual murders.I gave the book 4 stars because this was a real event that happened.UFO CONTACT FROM PLANET IARGAHow to Build a Flying Saucer: And Other Proposals in Speculative EngineeringsThey Knew Too Much about Flying SaucersCrash at Corona: The U.S. Military Retrieval and Cover-Up of a UFOTop Secret/Majic: Operation Majestic-12

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This is a strange book, to say the least. I bought it and read it because I enjoyed the 2002 movie of the same name and thought the book would cast some light on some of the more mysterious elements of the film -- provide a backstory, so to speak. But although the Mothman and his alleged appearances in Point Pleasant, West Virginia, are touched upon here and there throughout the book, it is mostly a compendium of unrelated vignettes of strange occurrences involving UFOs, Men in Black, and various other paranormal phenomena. These episodes are a hodgepodge -- recounted in no particular order, without rhyme or reason as to place or time, and in no apparent service of a narrative thread. What’s more, I couldn’t tell whether the author was a skeptic or a true believer. Indeed he often seemed to be both at the same time, as when, for example, he refers to "fictitious space people," but then in the very same sentence goes on to claim these entities "interfere overtly in our affairs." In telling some of the stories he adopts a snide tone as if to say "isn’t this the most ridiculous thing you’ve ever heard?" But in telling others he seems to be dead serious, even providing footnotes and references as if to say "I know this seems incredible but it’s absolutely true." With no apparent irony he belittles other so-called "ufologists" and paranormal investigators as charlatans and cranks while repeatedly highlighting his own career doing exactly the same thing! In the end, I’d have to say if you were a fan of the X-files or of all the ghosts, monsters, and mysteries shows on cable these days, you’ll probably enjoy this book, which is entirely similar in subject matter but without the interminable commercials.

I thought the first half of the book had some interest, but the rest was not. Organization is the issue with the last half.

Read the book first or watch the movie first? It really doesn’t matter in this case because they are so different.The Mothman PropheciesÃ Â orÃ Â The Mothman Prophecies: A True StoryÃ Â They are both worth your time. In fact, I think that once you do one you will want to do the other. Anyone, like me, who is fascinated by all things Fortean will love them both. I must say that we sure do live in a weird world and something very weird is going on in West Virginia. John Keel spent a large portion of his life researching this wierdness and the Mothman stories are a good starting point for a look at his research.

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