

## **K.I.S.S. GUIDE TO THE UNEXPLAINED**

**By Joel Levy**

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This is part of a K.I.S.S. series of books on diverse subjects like cat care, golf, yoga and photography. In this case, K.I.S.S. stands for Keep It Simple Series. Unfortunately, I feel this book is too simple. The author favors the skeptics solution to most of the mysteries chronicled in this book. For example, he writes that Kenneth Arnold's sighting of the "first flying saucer" in 1947, was most likely a flock of pelican birds. On crop circles, he says almost all are hoaxes. The author seems to be totally ignorant of physical trace evidence for both UFOs and crop formations. He continually states all the evidence is "anecdotal" for all this mysterious phenomena.

Of course, everything that happens to us in life can be considered an anecdote, your grandpa claims to be a World War 2 veteran, that's an anecdote. You don't claim grandpa is delusional, a hoaxer or simply ignorant, but that's what this author does for people who claim to have experienced the paranormal. There are lots of colorful illustrations in the book but the text is too simplistic and skeptical. A preferred introduction to the mysterious would be: "Into the Unknown", by Readers Digest books.

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