

**THE CLOSE ENCOUNTERS MAN
HOW ONE MAN MADE THE WORLD BELIEVE IN UFOS**

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This is the best biography of Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the astronomer who worked at Ohio State University and later worked for Project Blue Book. Expected to be a paid debunker for the Air Force, Hynek had a “road to Damascus” moment and realized there was something to UFOs. Later, he wrote books on UFOs, appeared on television shows and radio and founded CUFOS, the Center For UFO Studies.

If there is a “villain” in the book, it is Carl Sagan, a “pop astronomer”, who did not research UFOs, yet proclaimed they were all easily explained. Sagan was the darling of TV shows, like the “Late Night Show”, with Johnny Carson.

Hynek lived from 1910 to 1986. The History Channel Series Project Bluebook is in part based on his life. If you want the real story of a great man, read this book.

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