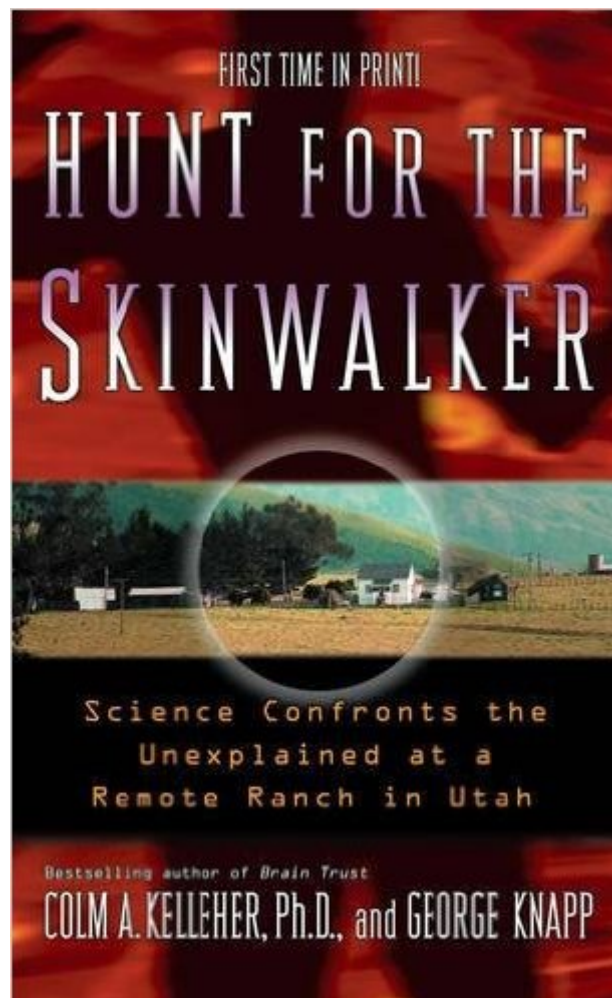




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Hunt For The Skinwalker: Science Confronts The Unexplained At A Remote Ranch In Utah



Synopsis

The author of the controversial bestseller *Brain Trust* brings his scientific expertise to the chilling true story of unexplained phenomena on Utah's Skinwalker Ranch -- and challenges us with a new vision of reality. For more than fifty years, the bizarre events at a remote Utah ranch have ranged from the perplexing to the wholly terrifying. Vanishing and mutilated cattle. Unidentified Flying Objects. The appearance of huge, otherworldly creatures. Invisible objects emitting magnetic fields with the power to spark a cattle stampede. Flying orbs of light with dazzling maneuverability and lethal consequences. For one family, life on the Skinwalker Ranch had become a life under siege by an unknown enemy or enemies. Nothing else could explain the horrors that surrounded them -- perhaps science could. Leading a first-class team of research scientists on a disturbing odyssey into the unknown, Colm Kelleher spent hundreds of days and nights on the Skinwalker property and experienced firsthand many of its haunting mysteries. With investigative reporter George Knapp -- the only journalist allowed to witness and document the team's work -- Kelleher chronicles in superb detail the spectacular happenings the team observed personally, and the theories of modern physics behind the phenomena. Far from the coldly detached findings one might expect, their conclusions are utterly hair-raising in their implications. Opening a door to the unseen world around us, *Hunt for the Skinwalker* is a clarion call to expand our vision far beyond what we know.

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Rarely do scientists have the opportunity to study and measure a recurring series of mysterious and inexplicable events in the field. So, in 1996 a team of open-minded researchers from the National Institute for Discovery Science, founded and funded by Las Vegas businessman Robert Bigelow, jumped at the chance to investigate weird phenomena still occurring on a cattle ranch in Uintah County, Utah. Its owner had been plagued for the past two years by odd disappearances, manifestations of a shape-shifting entity the Ute Indians called a "skinwalker," floating blue orbs of light, cattle mutilations, a giant wolf that seemed unaffected by bullets, and a sinister, hyena-like creature. Biochemist Kelleher tells the story of the team's experiences on the ranch as "an ambitious if unconventional example of what science is supposed to do--explore the unknown." Unfortunately, after a few intriguing observations, the phenomena ceased and the scientists were left to speculate about shamanic and interdimensional realities intersecting with our own. An interesting and sometimes frightening narrative of events, though ultimately short on final answers.

George Eberhart

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Colm A. Kelleher, Ph.D., is a biochemist with a fifteen-year research career in cell and molecular biology. Following his Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Dublin, Trinity College in 1983, Kelleher worked at the Ontario Cancer Institute, the Terry Fox Cancer Research Laboratory, and the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine. For the past eight years he has worked as project manager and team leader at a private research institute, using forensic science methodology to unravel scientific anomalies.

George Knapp is Nevada's best-known journalist. For 20-plus years, he has served as anchor, chief investigative reporter, and commentator for KLAS TV, the CBS affiliate in Las Vegas. He is a six-time Emmy winner, has earned the AP's Mark Twain award for news writing seven times, and twice was given the Edward R. Murrow award for Investigative Reporting. His reporting on Nevada's infamous Area 51 military base was selected by UPI as Best Individual Achievement by a Reporter in 1989. He also writes an award-winning weekly column for a Las Vegas newspaper.

I liked 'The Hunt for the Skinwalker.' The writing is solid and functional, with a simple narrative and format appropriate to a book of its type. Content-wise, the text is unexpectedly rich, as well as multidimensional. The description of the events at the Gorman ranch, and its subsequent study, is fascinating and substantial in itself, with enough interesting, first-hand information to comprise a book on its own. But 'Hunt' doesn't stop with a mere account, for from there the authors branch out into the implications and tentative conclusions of their observations, which expands the book's

scope to the universal (and, perhaps, beyond, into the "supercosmic" space of multiple realities and universes). In these discourses, the authors demonstrate a superb and balanced logic, without erring into the biases and blindspots so common to such subject matter -- neither discounting the phenomena nor cheerleading it, as it were. I found the authors' perceptiveness and broad-yet-conservative thinking to be rather refreshing. The book's finest and most valuable facet, however, is probably its most subtle: not the description of the fascinatingly traumatic events the Gormans experienced at their ranch, but the family's reactions to them. That is, the book provides an account of what might happen when one is confronted with events and circumstances which they had previously rejected as impossible (or never imagined in the first place). In this, we can all learn a thing or two, more than can be taught by any purely academic or even philosophical treatment of such lofty incidents. So, a big thank-you to the book's authors, subjects, and publisher. I have benefited from your work.

A typical American family buys a ranch at a great price but finds that their investment may cost them their sanity! After reading this book I believe there are too many strange things happening on this planet that defy explanation. Orbs and lights in the sky, huge wolf-like creatures unable to be killed with standard bullets, Bigfoot looking monsters appearing out of tunnel shaped vortexes- other dimensions? This family underwent so much terror together it makes you wonder how much you and your family could have endured if in their place. This book was recommended to me by my mother, who has been waiting for the "mother-ship" since science fiction became a genre and Buck Rogers graced the Silver Screen and people began asking about life on other planets. These incidents only pique our interest more to keep asking that same question....are they here?

I am not exactly a coward, but faced with the "things" in this book, at the very least I'd be wearing body armor & packing major weapons - and if I had a family I'd flee if it meant being homeless. Not to mention chowing down on beta blockers. Heck, let's get real, even if I didn't have a family I'd flee - after I got a long good look. Never really learned that lesson about cats and curiosity, but at some point well before the people in the book I'd be outta there. Still, I will grant the benefit of a doubt - maybe it really was some sort of bizarre army experiment? Being a native of the St. Louis area, and reading the DOD press release where they admitted to spraying us with germs to see what happened back in the late '60s, they validated some pretty weird conspiracy types, and I'll believe they'll try anything. However, my take would be that the bad things were illusions, and the ultimate experiment was to see if some sort of "fear reducing field" or some such thing worked by terrorizing

normal, everyday people and seeing how much / long it took them to flee while under the effect. You sure couldn't say they didn't ask for it - heck it attracted folks! Might explain a lot. In Bangladesh they have so much arsenic in the water it could kill you - maybe something in this water, man made or natural? The Oracle at Delphi was considered hokum until somebody figured out (via modern science) that there was a vent that vented hallucinogenic gasses into the cave - they really did see gods, devils and everything else. Also, a guy named Persinger (sic my bad spelling) did a lot of experiments (funded by the DOD) based on inducing fear and hallucinations (oddly, they were pretty much the same hallucinations from person to person, hence the great interest. And it isn't too much of a leap to think they tried to reverse his work and inspire fearlessness in soldiers.) via various types of fields and waves. One could extrapolate that there are areas of the planet that replicate the magnetic fields he produced, with people seeing weird things & not behaving rationally (bringing a camera along, or fleeing). I know our Joplin, Missouri "spook lights" are whatever they are, are somewhat camera shy, but they are there. What I think would be "cool" is the explanation that some sort of... whatever... was enabling limited phase through from another parallel reality, and that's kinda my reason for buying the book - I like that topic. Heck, I'm a sucker for anything about it. I'm just not sure that's what is going on here. Was I happy with the book overall? Yes, it entertained me. I also like the TV show "Sliders", and many other things that aren't real, but entertaining! One can't expect to purchase something like this and find hard science anymore than you would in a religious text or speculative science text. And one can't discount the possibility that someone involved really did see "weird" stuff and things got exaggerated for whatever reason - a mixture of the Army, and a natural area of magnetic anomalies, would certainly produce further fear, hysteria and mental issues - and a natural desire to sell the place for as much as you could get and get the heck out.

Stright forward description of some very weird events. It would be nice if we knew everything there was to know about our worlds - above and below. These authors brought up more questions than they answered simply because there isn't enough information to answer accurately/correctly. The writers left us hanging while they went to other places for information and never found anything useful. They shouldh have stayed at the main site and stayed focused. Who knows what might have been found had the investigators stayed put and did not loose interest and patience. Dulce, New Mexico is another study for another time by others investiagers.

Finally, scientists doing what scientists are supposed to do. My science teacher introduced me to the subject of UFOS back in 1975. I have waited for a definitive, all-hands-on-deck approach like

this one for decades. And what has this ground-breaking and historic event revealed? That the phenomenon is real, and it's also beyond our ability to fully understand. Dr. Kelleher, Mr. Knapp, I salute your bravery.

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