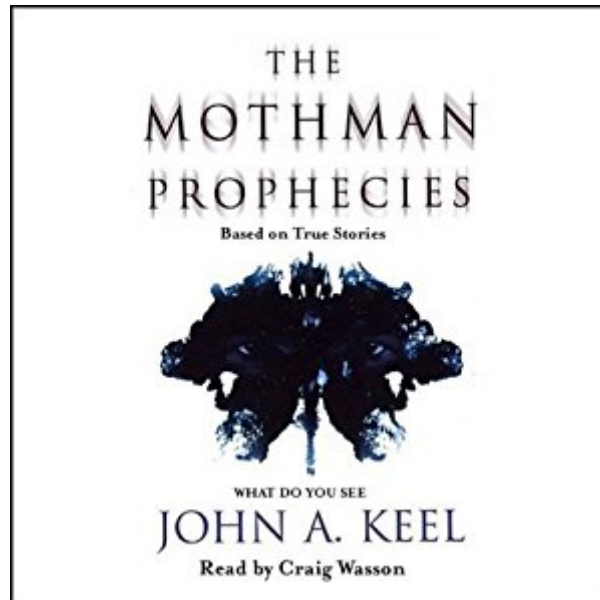




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# The Mothman Prophecies



## Synopsis

West Virginia, 1966. For thirteen months the town of Point Pleasant is gripped by a real-life nightmare that culminates in a strategy 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... --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

My collection is complete! I have a hard to find 1975 copy (1st edition) hardcover, in fact the man that sold it to me has asked me at least three times if I would be interested in selling it back to him!!! When the movie (I also have a copy) came out I picked up a copy of the Tor paperback edition. It has an afterword from author John Keel that did not appear in the first edition. This is the rare Illuminett Press edition with the green Frank Frazetta cover. I had a chance to get a copy for about \$12.00 back around 2000, but I didn't do it because I thought it was a relatively new edition, it was only later I found out how rare and hard to find this edition was! I have only seen it on over the last two or three years and prices have varied from around \$50.00 to around \$20.00, often much higher. This too carries an afterword by the author that is apparently different from the more recent paperback edition. There are more recent editions, but I don't think they are anything but the most recent printing of a classic on ufology and the unexplained. A must have if you are truly interested in

the subject.

Keel writes about his experiences while investigating the UFO and mothman sightings that occurred before the collapse of the Silver Bridge. Keel does not try to compel the reader to believe the paranormal events experienced by himself and the residents of this small WV community. He lets the reader come to their own conclusions and simply presents the evidence and the witness testimony. It is a deeply disturbing book.

Interesting book. Really not what I was expecting, lots of different information on the Mothman, UFO's, Men in Black, Crazy people, etc. I've wanted to read this book for decades but didn't want to fork out the money for the full price. I found this book on , used.

This was a very interesting book. It went into more detail about what happened to the residents of Point Pleasant. While I did enjoy the movie with the same title, the book is nothing at all like the movie which is a good thing. If you enjoy reading about the weird and unusual then this is the book for you.

I saw the film years ago and loved it. I've read most of the Mothman books, so I'm surprised that I always felt a strange mental block against reading this actual book for so long (Keel might have said this was the MIB putting a thought block in my head). I am an enormous lifelong fan of both horror/scifi and ufology, as well as cryptozoology. I give this book a highly favorable review for several reasons. First off, I completely agree with the reviewers who said the book is disjointed and has the feel of Keel having slapped together his notebooks. However, Keel has such an engaging prose and an ability to take an almost objective stand on this controversial stuff, that I never got confused. Part of Keel's art is that he thoroughly convinces the reader that he saw these things and furthermore believes most of the witnesses, yet just at the right points in the narrative, he interjects a comment to the effect that everyone has it all wrong, there are no UFOs (as people understand them) and much of it is really chicanery, enough so that the reader wonders what the truth is. Perhaps this tactic is appropriate: how can we know what is real and what is not? Keel certainly doesn't profess to, and he was apparently neck-deep in it. To fans of the Richard Gere/Laura Linney movie, note that there are many differences. But you probably expected that. Everyone knows Hollywood has to intertwine a romance into everything (and they do it quite well in the film, in my opinion). But in the end I found that the spirit and the terror of the movie are all in the book as well. I

will truthfully admit that for two nights in a row, I was unable to sleep with the light off in my safe, suburban home with everyone around me. The climactic tumult revolving around the terrifying Mothman and the horrid sense of doom that Keel and other contactees felt during its reign in Point Pleasant, WV prevented me from sleeping in the dark. If you love suspense and foreboding, inexplicable horror, this book ought to be a gem for you. I could not get out of my head the account of a teenage girl who saw a grinning man standing over her bed in the middle of the night! The second half is very much a delving into Keel's personal world of madness. After establishing the connection between UFOs, Mothman and mysterious Men in Black, Keel's world unravels. Suffice it to say that he feels he is being pursued and harangued relentlessly by the Men in Black. Paranoia? Draw your own conclusions. On a personal note, I was astounded and overwhelmed with excitement to see how much my native Long Island, NY figured into this book. I always assumed it would take place only in WV, but Keel actually lives in Manhattan and takes frequent trips out not just to the Island, but to my hometown of Huntington, where local legend Sweet Hollow Road and Mt. Misery figures prominently into the web of confusion spun by the ETs. Having been to that site many, many times and experienced the powerful fear in the air there, this book was sealed in my psyche as a great Fortean read. Enjoy "The Mothman Prophecies". Don't blame me if you have to sleep with a nightlight on and the curtains drawn.

I saw the movie and had to have the book. This book is very scary leaving you grasping for the truth. I was actually scared to the point of turning lights on in my house! I am not usually a fraidy cat like that, but jeesh. Monsters can be killed. Vampires can be staked. Mummies can be burned. Ghost can be lead into the light. What do you do to ward off a creature from another dimension or time or planet that has a hot laser and ain't 'fraid to use it? Nothing as you'll read in the masterful tale of suspense and honesty. Mr. Keel will come right out and tell you when he and others are afraid, hurt, and run for their lives. This book FEELS true in many aspects. My recommendation - read this during the day and try not to think of it at night. Don't answer the door, turn off the phone (if you can), and call a buddy. This ain't your momma's UFO.

I love all things weird and this is the book that really started all that for me. The events that took place in Point Pleasant, WV in 1966-67 have it all; strange creatures, UFO's, Men In Black, and Keel was among the first to investigate it. The result is this incredible book. It is creepy and ominous; all the while being very well-researched. It, to me, is one of only a handful of "must have" books on the shelf of any library dedicated to the strange world around us.

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