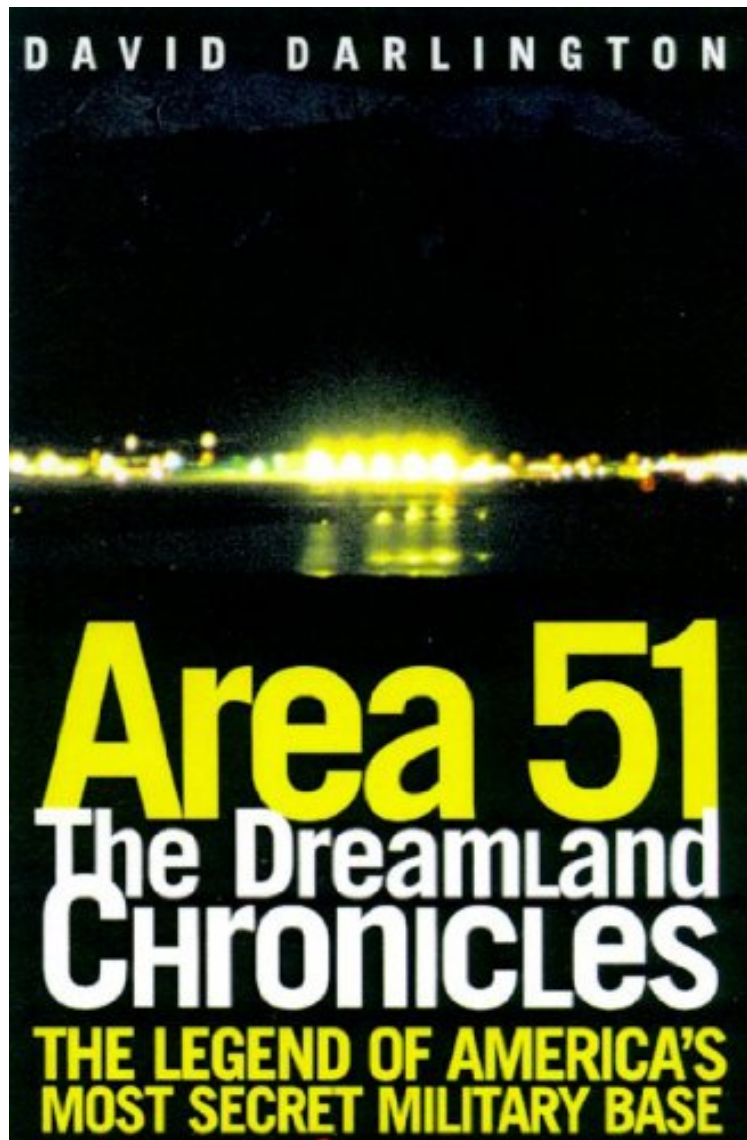


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Von David Darlington : Area 51: The Dreamland Chronicles before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Area 51: The Dreamland Chronicles:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.
Interesting but not revealing Von Ein Kunde The book was useful and interesting in it's explanations of the Groom Lake test site in the 50's, and in discussing the development of the U-2 and SR-71. Aside from that, the book offers very little in the way of useful information regarding the current activities and status of "Area 51" as it is called. The books

doesn't seem to reach a solid conclusion as to whether Area 51 is still basically a flight test center for secret (and admittedly, exotic) aircraft, or a haven for UFO's and every type of unsavory government conspiracy. Instead the book seems to leave this up to the reader, and so doesn't really accomplish very much. Furthermore, the book later focuses on the activities of Area 51 watchers, rather than on the Groom Lake test site itself. I am frequently disappointed by the gullibility of the American people, and the tendency to want to believe that an all-powerful government is "covering up" crashed alien spaceships, and back-engineering alien technology. Few people ever stop to consider that if the government wanted to cover something up, the most logical thing to cover it up with would be something even more interesting, hence the UFO craze. This begs the question; what is the U.S. Government REALLY hiding? For example, consider this point: Why would anyone need a 3 mile long runway to land alien saucers? As alternate reading material I suggest the following: For anyone interested in secret and "black" aircraft projects, read "Dark Eagles". For those interested in the UFO phenomenon, read "The Real Roswell Crashed-Saucer Coverup". True, it approaches the topic from a skeptic's point of view, but anyone who considers themselves to be objective should be willing to listen to a critic. For those who want to understand exotic engineering development, instead of parroting silly things like "aliens gave us velcro", try to obtain a copy of the book *Electrogravitics Systems : Reports on a New Propulsion Methodology* by Thomas Valone. All of these can be obtained through www.area51.com.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Area 51 wackos and some real history, too. Von Ein Kunde This book takes a sober look at both sides of the Area 51 phenomenon; the wackos with their nutball conspiracy theories, and the more down-to-Earth real history of the military base, including the U2, SR71, and the rumoured Aurora spyplanes. The sections about the Aurora were very interesting. This book also provides ample evidence that Bob Lazar's story is a total hoax, as are most of the outlandish UFO stories circulating around Area 51. Undoubtedly, there are top secret aircraft being tested there, but this book implies that most, if not all, of them are of Earthly design. Reading in this book about the many nuts who congregate around Area 51, and their irrational, childish behavior, I have little faith in any UFO theories they proclaim to be true. Theories are a dime a dozen, but facts are hard to come by. My main complaint with this book is that it focusses entirely too much on the nut cases, their lifestyles and theories; and not enough on the many reliable witnesses who have seen UFO's near Area 51. I already knew there were many crazies associated with Area 51 - I just didn't care to learn this much about them.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Hunter Thompson of Area 51? Von Ein Kunde This book is remarkable for maintaining a foot in wonderland and a foot outside in the mundane and boring world -- and Darlington, our observer, seems ready to go whichever way the evidence finally points -- but it keeps pointing back and forth across that strange boundary. At first I thought that Darlington's style was inching toward self-display, but now I would praise his prose as brilliant and evocative. He paints a fascinating portrait of the culture surrounding Area 51, a portrait that is aesthetically vivid, intellectually stimulating, respectful of the wildlife and tongue-in-cheek, all at the same time -- perhaps his characterization of Glenn Campbell is a bit of a projection: "even as he wallowed in the tackiness . . . he somehow managed to remain detached, . . . recognizing and embracing his own alienation." If you want to think some new thoughts, read this book.

Kurzbeschreibung Area 51, Dreamland, Groom Lake, Paradise Ranch, Watertown Strip, the Box: all refer to the top-secret research installation, located a hundred miles north of Las Vegas, which, for many, has come to stand for all that is shadowy and nefarious about the military-industrial-intelligence complex. Built under the direction of the CIA in the 1950s, the base served as the original test site for the U-2 spy plane and F-117 stealth fighter jet. In more recent years, Area 51 has spurred public interest from its role in the government's \$30 billion "Black Budget," from legal claims of worker illness due to toxic burning, and from sensational charges about captured alien spacecraft. It has also given birth to a feisty guerrilla subculture bent on exploding the secrecy surrounding this mysterious spot. David Darlington unfolds the history, legs, and characters involved with Area 51, weaving a weird tale of intrigue and outrage and UFOs that speaks volumes about popular culture and American democracy at the end of the twentieth century.

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