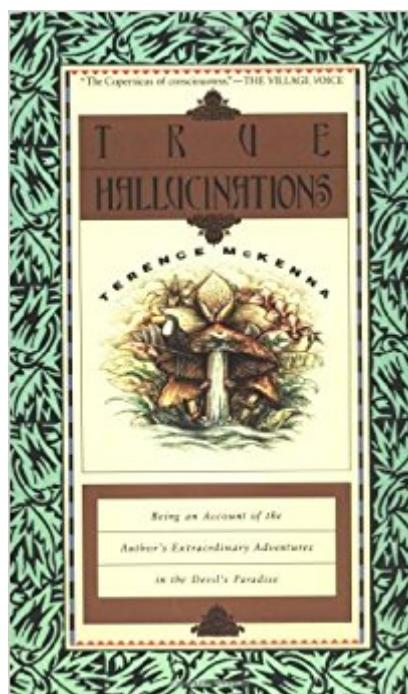


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True Hallucinations: Being An Account Of The Author's Extraordinary Adventures In The Devil's Paradise



Synopsis

This mesmerizing, surreal account of the bizarre adventures of Terence McKenna, his brother Dennis, and a small band of their friends, is a wild ride of exotic experience and scientific inquiry. Exploring the Basin in search of mythical shamanic hallucinogens, they encounter a host of unusual characters -- including a mushroom, a flying saucer, pirate Mantids from outer space, an appearance by James and Nora Joyce in the guise of poultry, and translinguistic matter -- and discover the missing link in the development of human consciousness and language.

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In 1971 ethnobotanist McKenna (The Archaic Revival), his brother Dennis and three friends boated to a town in ian Colombia, seeking a hallucinogenic plant that enables the Witoto tribe to talk to elf-like "little men." In psychedelized ravings interspersed with diary excerpts, McKenna records their experiences after ingesting mind-altering mushrooms and other psychoactive plants. A flying saucer slowly flew over McKenna's head; he calls it a "holographic mirage" of a future technology. Dennis had a revelation about a "psychofluid" that pervades the universe. McKenna flashes forward to Hawaii in 1975 where mantis-like creatures from hyperspace attack his lover, and flashes back to his tantric lovemaking in Tibet and to Indonesia where unrepentant Nazi scientists tried to recruit him in 1970. He posits the existence of a particle of time, the chronon , which conditions matter. A bizarre book. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Unlike McKenna's last book, the preposterous *Food of the Gods* (LJ 2/15/92), this work is more an adventure story than an anthropological treatise. It is the chronicle of the author's 1971 trip to the jungle in search of secret tribal hallucinogens. While his band of hippie adventurers never do find the fabled hallucinogen "oo-koo-he," they do manage to ingest an incredible amount of native psilocybin mushrooms, which trigger mystical and psychic experiences. It is hard to accept McKenna's conclusion that something unexplainable really did happen in the . Instead, his book reads like an account of an especially chaotic drug experience. Pseudoscientific ramblings concerning the nature of time serve only to move this book farther out toward the fringes. McKenna's story will be of interest to certain subcultures, but the appeal will not extend to most general readers. An optional purchase for public libraries.- Eric Hinsdale, Trinity Univ. Lib., San AntonioCopyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Terence takes the reader on a remarkable journey through the canals of the human mind, body, and spirit. His, and the others involved quest at La Chorrera is incredible. I would recommend this book to anyone interested in psychology and psychedelics. A fascinating read.

Bought as a gift, and the person I bought it for also bought me one so now I also get to read it!

An awesome story about traveling to the brink of the psyche via the shamanistic psychedelic experience, and the questions that occur there. "True Hallucinations" is true to its name. Pair this book with "Food of the Gods" also by Terrence McKenna.

I'd imagine some of the concepts in this book re hard to grasp if you've never delved into hyperspace.

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