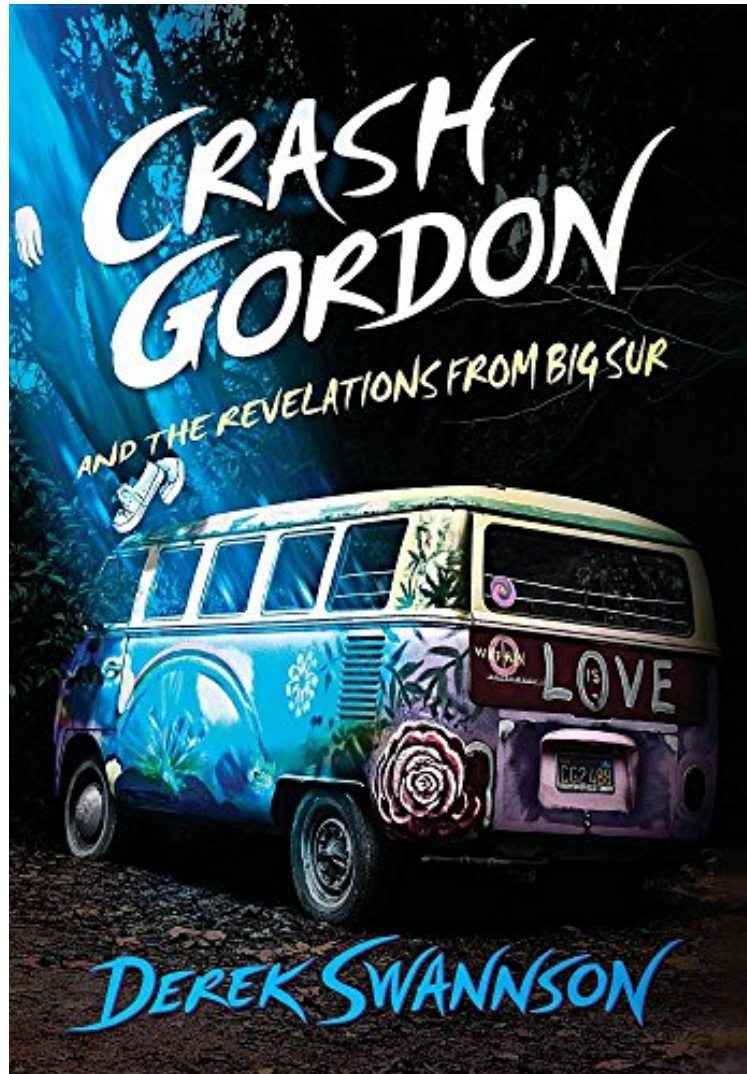


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Derek Swannson : Crash Gordon and the Revelations from Big Sur before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Crash Gordon and the Revelations from Big Sur:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Loved it! Totally sucked me in!By Kindle CustomerI was so excited to read this book because I really wanted to learn more about the psychic powers that we discovered Crash had in the last book. So I dove into this head first and I was not disappointed. I really liked this book. It was incredibly entertaining and it really inspired a lot of conversations with my loved ones about life and death. I usually have a tv show playing in the background while I do things, but with this book I kept finding myself pausing the show so that I could get more into the story.The same characters are back and they are just as funny as ever. Gordon is hilarious, but

I have to say that my new favorite character was Skeeve. He was just so out of this world, literally (!), he was abducted by aliens multiples times. And his house of rats, and Senor Pepe... I couldn't stop laughing. James (or Jimmy) really did make me nervous though, and I am really curious to see what becomes of his character if any more books were to come out. Jimmy had always made me uncomfortable because he was so violent and rude, but he really changed in this book and turned into kind of a nasty person. I wonder if he will stay successful or if he will have to face some sort of consequences for his actions. There was less philosophy in this book, and while it was still there, it seemed to melt more seamlessly into the story than in the first book. And this book was so fully of aliens abductions and secret government programs that I barely noticed the philosophy. There were a couple of times that I did wish that I was as widely read as the author, though, so that I could understand his references better... I guess that is something that I will have to work on! Over all I really liked this book and it will definitely be on my reread shelf. It can be read as a stand alone too, so you don't have to read the first book to understand everything in this one, but I was happy that I had read both. I hope another one comes out so that I can see more of these characters' lives! I give it a 5 out of 5 stars! 9 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Ultimate Conspiracy Theories High Weirdness By Kindle Customer Derek Swannson why haven't I found you sooner? This book is awesome! I absolutely love it. Funny thing, I almost didn't look at the book listing because of the cover. When I saw the VW Hippie bus, I guessed it was going to be about characters named Sunshine and Moon who took drugs and protested between bouts of sex. WAS I EVER WRONG! Thank heavens I read the description, because after that I had to get the book immediately. Crash Gordon and the Revelations of Big Sur is an outstanding book that is destined to become a cult classic. The mixture of originality, the creative twisting of fact and fantasy to explain occurrences, the depth and breadth of the conspiracies, the tie in to actual people and historic events, as well as projecting the future moving forward make this book the Granddaddy of all conspiracy books. Le Carre, Ludlum, Dan Brown are all total rookies where conspiracies are concerned compared to Swannson. Swannson takes an entire book getting the reader up to speed so that you know just how Byzantine, bizarre, far-reaching, and long-term these conspiracies have become. To give you an example, a normal conspiracy story would be about the shooting of JFK. In this book, the shooting of JFK is an aside during a conversation about a single character who is involved in the conspiracies. I believe it was about two sentences. Think about that. Now scale it up to full novel size. Swannson was not shy when he recruited possible candidates for his conspiracies - he got all the usual suspects and then some. We have Eastern mysticism, kundalini, TM, psychic powers, mind control, zombie assassins, drugs, daimons, the CIA, the OSS, the Freemasons, the Illuminati, the Templars, Aleister Crowley, UFOs, aliens, God, Freud, Jung, many U.S. Presidents and a huge cast that I can't remember off the top of my head. The point of all this is that very few people are in control of global and multi-world conspiracies that are so advanced beyond the ken of normal people that are their victims, that the victims don't even know enough to ask questions, or know where to look for evidence of wrong doing. They won't be able to conceive the plots currently in motion. As a story, if you are well read this book is like a gem. There are all kinds of inside jokes and references that are in the book that are best appreciated with a broad background of reading and history. Even without that, the book is still eminently delightful. I don't think it is physically possible to top the conspiracies in this book. This plot is so twisty it is like the double helix of DNA, where the strands wrap around each other and keep twisting. I didn't even know from page to page what will happen next, but I was always dying to find out. The ending caps off the story in a surprising but fulfilling way. It left me feeling fully satisfied and so happy that I had experienced Crash Gordon. Bottom Line: READ THE BOOK! This is a book that comes along about once in a decade. Swannson gets it. With tongue firmly planted in cheek, he takes out his rocket launcher and blasts away at all available targets in an intelligent and witty manner. You will find much in the book that rings true, and much that you must ponder. There will also be some stuff where you will say wtf? Thank heavens that part is only the slightest minority. High Entertainment + High Weirdness = Fabulous Novel. Crash Gordon Rocked My World. Highly Recommended! 5 stars. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Tour de Force By NDP_NYCThis is one of the most imaginative and engaging novels I've read in a long time. Some reviews have called it weird, but it is weird in a Hunter S. Thompson sort of way, which is one of the reasons I loved it. Characters unlike any others, wacky happenings, fact intertwined with fantasy and suspense are all here, but humorously, irreverently delivered. I am not usually a fan of conspiracy theories, aliens, Gnosticism or sex cults in my books but, when a book is truly well written and written by someone with a point of view and imagination, the subject matter really doesn't mean anything. I was pulled into this book from the first few pages and the longer I read the more absorbed I became. Simultaneously funny and riveting in a whodunit way, this book is truly unique and definitely worth your time. This book is destined to become a cult classic, with a plot that could have become a mess in the hands of a less talented writer but here is a joy to read.

An amnesiac convalescing in Big Sur encounters an oddly sinister envoy from the Freemasons' Scottish Rite Psychophrenic Research Program.... A stoned surfer trespassing on Hearst Castle property gets hauled up into the sky by a massive flying black triangle.... A notorious starlet attending the wrap party for her first major Hollywood movie assassinates a Moscow journalist with a bottle of radioactive nasal spray.... In Crash Gordon and the Revelations from Big Sur, Derek Swannson combines these elements into a comic and subversive international thriller. OCTOBER

1988: It's morning in America again. Ex-CIA Director George H. W. Bush is calling the shots as Vice President. Intelligence agency black budgets are on the rise. Ronald Reagan's trickle-down economics has been trickling upon the American populace for nearly eight years. It's been a non-stop champagne bash for the rich, who've become much richer, but for the middle class and the poor the trickling has acted like acidic piss, burning gaping holes in their social safety nets. Is the increase in suffering intentional? Gordon Swannson thinks so--and he has the metaphysics to prove it. Sort of. Fresh from a five-year resident scholar program at the Esalen Institute, Gordon (Crash to his friends) arrives in the sleepy seaside town of Cambria, California, to deliver a lecture titled "Galactic Loosh Farming and Reaganomics: How Much Longer Before the Fabric of Reality is Ripped to Shreds?" It's the start of a bizarre chain of events that will launch Gordon's career as an investigative journalist and entangle him with a cast of characters that includes: James Marrsden, a gleefully foul-mouthed radio DJ and Gordon's untrustworthy childhood best friend; Kayleigh Fuller, a stoner witch who happens to be the niece of Buckminster Fuller; Skeeze Lester Huntley, a porn-addicted surfer whose alien abduction inspired him to become the Dope King of Central California; Rina Rowley, a lovely young actress with a shockingly ugly past; and looming largest of all, James' morbidly obese and obscenely wealthy Uncle Lloyd, "super secret black-ops bagman for the medico-military-occult complex... and matchmaker." Determined to uncover the truth behind Lloyd's lurid tales of psychic killers and a mind control program known as Project MONARCH, Gordon chases down leads from Cambria to Amsterdam's red-light district and the Brussels headquarters of an alien-inspired sex cult calling itself The Oääd Institute--getting a profound education in the machinations behind the 20th century's greatest unexplained mysteries along the way. Seeking the final piece to the puzzle, Gordon returns to his roots in the isolated, faux-Swedish town of Kingsburg, where those mysteries began. What he finds there will send him hurtling toward a climactic showdown against a naked assassin dead set on turning the Cold War into a hot mess. Crash Gordon and the Revelations from Big Sur is the big, shaggy conspiracy novel that everyone has always wanted to read--without actually knowing it. There's a reason for that. They don't want you to know about it. You do know there's a They, don't you?

"LEAVES YOU FLOORED... the best conspiracy novel I have ever read. Makes The Manchurian Candidate look amateur." --RW Duder, author of Desolation
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