

The Influence of Culture on UFO Sightings



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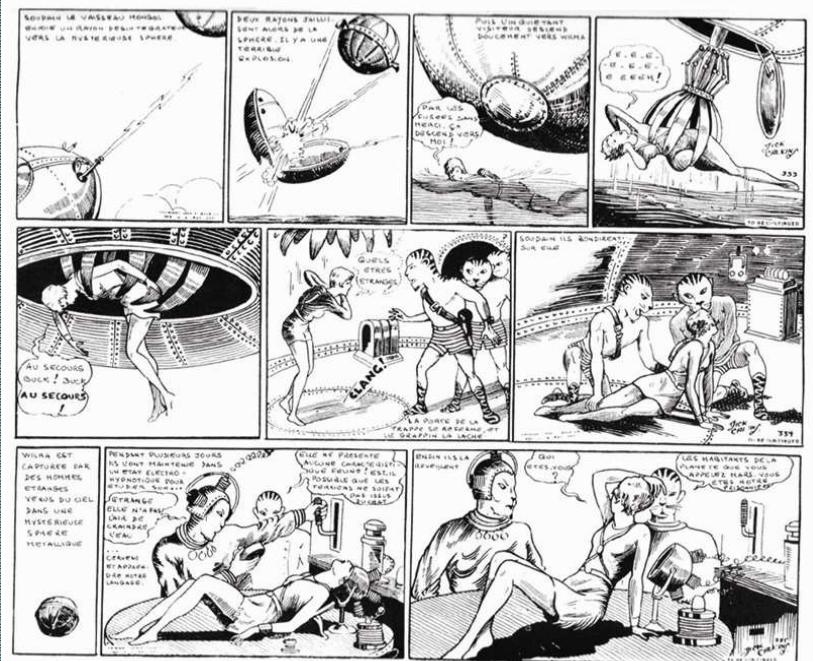
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- ▶ Origin of the phenomenon
- ▶ Psychosocial mechanisms
- ▶ Cases discussion

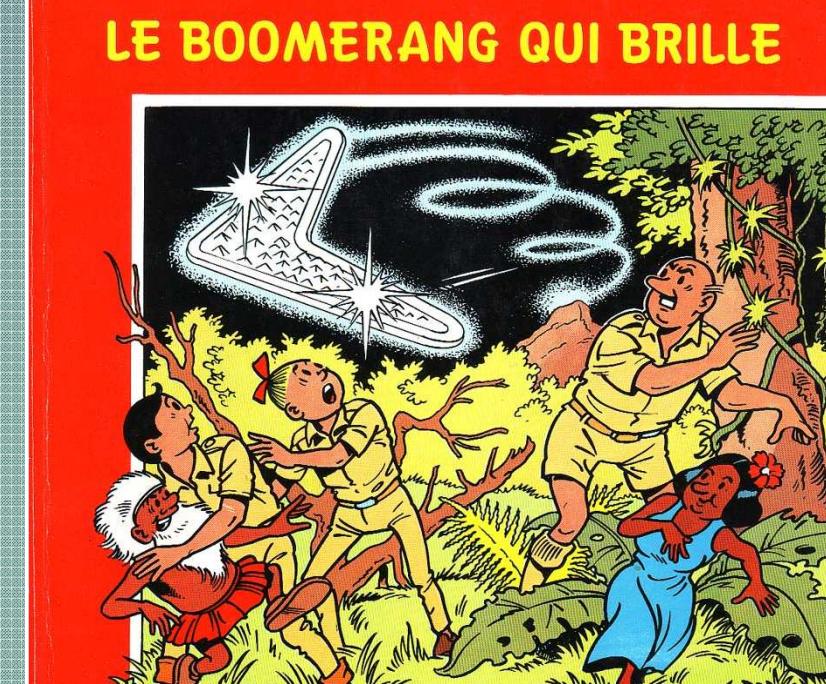
Origin of the Phenomenon



- ▶ Fairy folklore
- ▶ Aviation
- ▶ Occulture
- ▶ Science-Fiction



Buck Rogers
1930



Bob et Bobette
1976

*Raoul Robé, personal communication, May 14th 2014

Psychosocial Mechanisms

- ▶ Simple mistakes
- ▶ Elaborate mistakes (or « complex mistakes »)
- ▶ Hallucinations
- ▶ False memories
- ▶ Hoaxes

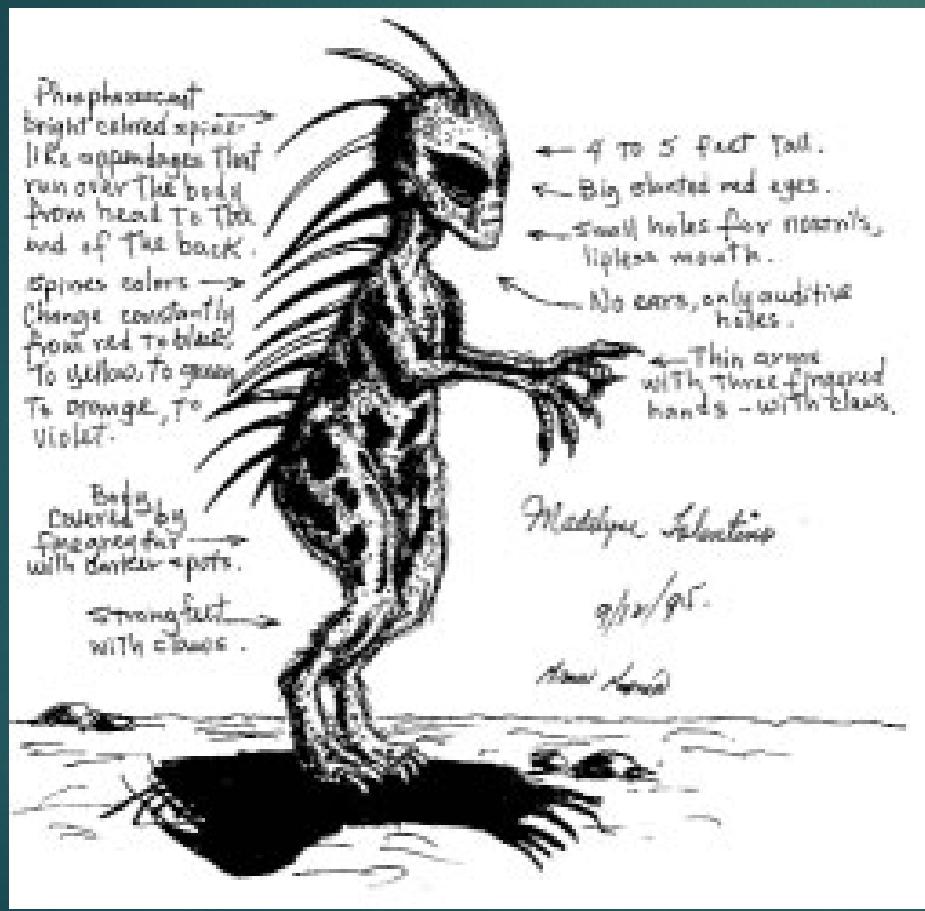
Elaborate Mistakes

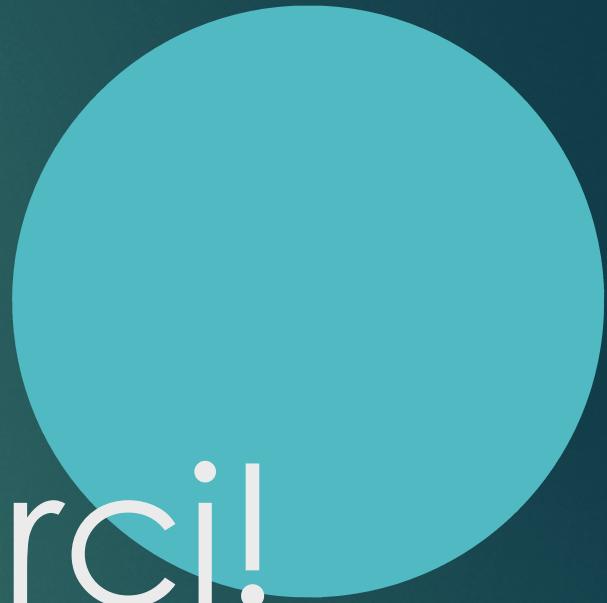
- ▶ Illusions
- ▶ Confabulations
- ▶ Suggestibility



Cases Discussion

- ▶ Kenneth Arnold (1947)
- ▶ Betty & Barney Hill (1961)
- ▶ Chupacabra - Madelyne Tolentino (1995)





Merci!