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**And you thought first contact was terrifying....**

From *New York Times* bestselling author Ken Goddard comes a terrifying thriller that dares to pursue the truth behind a series of bizarre occurrences — and a murderer whose identity even the authorities will kill to keep concealed.

A man of reason and science, Colin Cellars has earned a reputation as a top crime scene investigator. But Cellars finds himself disgraced because of a bizarre episode that led to a horrifying shoot-out right in front of his eyes. And what Cellars thinks he knows about the victim's identity — and about her death — has plunged him into a deadly search for a killer who may or may not be quite of this world.

Meanwhile, as Cellars investigates a case involving dozens of missing victims, he realizes that the three people he trusts most each hold a piece to the puzzle — and that they have their own ideas about what to do with the information. Soon Cellars finds himself on a chilling and unforgettable voyage, one that takes readers through tunnels of violence and intrigue — and out into the unknown....

## Outer Perimeter Details

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## From Reader Review Outer Perimeter for online ebook

### Chris says

I found the book to be a so-so sci-fi story. The novel would have been much better if there was more background history about the aliens and their motives on earth. I also found some of the narrative and other sequences poorly written which indicates to me that it needs a little bit more editing.

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### Dani says

I liked it but the first book "First Evidence" kept me on the end of my seat. I couldn't put it down! Would love to hear the next one!

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### John (JP) says

This was a fun read until the muddled ending. I had read the last chapter several times and still hardly got a handle on the sequence of events. The only reason I see for it is that maybe Goddard was giving us the confused perspective of the characters. Up till that point this was a fabulous mystery. Goddard filled in a lot of the loose ends of the prior book First Evidence. I can't wait to read Final Disposition which will be the final book of the series.

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### Susan says

Randomly ended up on my "to read" pile and now ends up on my "tried to read list". Some very good writing but ultimately not the story simply isn't compelling enough to finish.

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### Don says

As a follow-up novel, it did answer a number of questions on where the story line was headed and the mysteries surrounding the 1st volume entitled First Evidence.

UFOs and Aliens, and of course, Government involvement in a Black-Ops situation.

Another great read written by Ken Goddard.

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### Wanda says

The story is a continuation from the first book about an Oregon police officer who encountered some gruesome creatures from outer space. They have come to southern Oregon and are trying to retrieve any

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evidence of their existence. Unfortunately Colin and his 3 friends are part of that evidence. He is seeing a psychiatrist after some disturbing events several months earlier and cannot resume his law enforcement duties until cleared. Finally he is allowed to go back to work but is still having nightmares and problems with his possible girlfriend. She was traumatized by the creatures and doesn't want to remember what happened or deal with it which is causing problems.

People are still going missing and some strange things have been occurring at a nearby government research facility. Colin finds out that his friend Malcolm is running the place and once he gets inside he discovers all kinds of interesting things relating to the creatures. His girlfriend is then kidnapped and his other friend Bobby and they are contacted by the aliens wanting to make a trade for them. Since Colin and Malcolm supposedly have the stones which are dormant aliens they are asked to bring them for the trade.

The end of the book sets things up for the final book in the series. Lots of forensic details are included in this book, how things are analyzed, what the analysis means, info on security systems, etc. The author is very detailed in his descriptions. Some parts of the first book are brought into the story so you can understand what happened prior to the current story.

Good mystery.

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### **Ann Horton says**

Because of traveling for work, I get a lot of books on audio from my local library. Consequently, I am at their mercy. This is the second book in a series of three. I do not have access to the 1st or 3rd. So my review is limited. I think I might have benefited from reading the 1st. Enough background was provided but, still....

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### **Wanda Seet says**

This is the sequel to First Evidence. It was rather disappointing actually. There was suppose to be a third book but it never came out. Guess the second book killed it. If you liked First Evidence and don't want to spoil the good impression, I suggest that you stop there. But if you insist on reading this one, no one's stopping you. LOL! Maybe you'll like it..

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### **Jovdb says**

Not a great SciFi enthusiast but I read the first one in the series - First Evidence, and wanted to see how it progressed.

He is a good writer and his characters are well developed. It is quite scary how many of the concepts in SciFi actually come to be so, even though this seems far fetched, there might very well be aliens living amongst us. And, they may well have better technology than us. Just look at the advances in the past 50 or so years.

I will read the third in the series just to see how it all finishes.

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### **Cindy says**

Interesting but very pro-evolution. (read non-Christian here) ergo, strange happenings without any

substantial proofs. Too much faith required for me. Reader: Kevin Kennerly does well.

I skipped to the end, not something I usually do but as I wrote above too much faith required...

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### **Sharman says**

The story was fun and twisty at times, but the end of the book was so disappointing. The last paragraph was, in my opinion, such a poor way to end the story. It almost ruined the rest of the experience for me. It reminded me of when my students would try ending their stories by saying "it was just a dream." I wouldn't let them get by with that and I expected more here.

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### **Kcgood says**

Very interesting way to approach the third book of a series--giving the main character amnesia. The plot is compelling, realistic and internally consistent. The police behave like police; the other characters behave like the motley collection of Area 51 wackos, Tea Party wackos, suspicious soldiers and fast-moving pawns that they are. I do wish we saw/heard more from Malcolm and Bobby; they were fun in the previous books and their absence leaves what feels like a large hole in the plot. In addition, I'm still not sure I believe the logic of the ending--both of their tactics and of his final decision--but it's not iffy enough to spoil a well-written and exciting book. I'd recommend it for thriller fans who are comfortable with a bit of the alien.

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### **Trudy Pomerantz says**

For a modern author, this is not a bad read. A little too verbose in the descriptions of different events - too many details. This makes the book a little too long which means that towards the end of the audiobook I tend to just want to get it finished. I will be completing the series.

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### **Gary Sedivy says**

Whew. This book is as bad as the movie 'Prometheus'. A little bit confusing, disjointed, and things don't match up. Extraterrestrials are here on earth, who knows why. They shape change, mind read, can disappear like smoke, are powerful and deadly. Yet, amazingly stupid.

One of the problems with this book (author, maybe - I haven't read any other by him) is it seems to have been written like a junior high term paper. For example: the hero, Sellers, has a pistol which almost always described as a 'Sig-Sauer Forty caliber semi-automatic pistol'. I mean, every time. Was this author paid by the word? And when describing a series of incidents as 'fifty missing civilians or police officers' - those exact words, over and over and over... Or, identifying 'Oregon State Police Detective Sargent Collin Sellers' repeatedly, after several chapters into the book seemed a little silly.

And the book seemed a little heavy on dialogue, very chatty, rather than action. And to bring the book to a close there is a dramatic confrontation, explosion, and Sellers ends up in a hospital - where we find out the whole episode may be a Bobby Ewing-type dream. None of it, or some of it, or all of it is real.

Awwww, who the hell cares...

## **Amy says**

Again, this book was "okay" as far as keeping me entertained. It was fine for multitasking, but I really didn't find it as engaging or interesting as I do some thrillers. The same as the first book, the "whispery" type voice of the narrator also gives me some trouble. I have to turn it up very loud, and still some of the words he says are in such a quiet, low tone that it makes it hard to hear.

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