

New Lands By Charles Fort **Newlands shop** Fort expands in this book on his theory about the Super-Sargasso Sea - a place where earthly things supposedly materialize in order to rain down on Earth - as well as developing an idea that there are continents above the skies of Earth. **Newlands lodges** New Lands*** This review was originally posted to Paperback Picnic ***An Alternative CosmosThe radical skepticism of Charles Fort's "New Lands"Since the beginning of this blog I've hoped to include occasional detours into the world of fringe writing—UFOs cryptids conspiracy theories—alongside the sci-fi and fantasy that is my bread and butter. **Newlands science park** He is often considered the grandfather of all "alternative researchers"; he popularised many concepts that would go on to become mainstays of the genre from psychic powers to alien visitations. **New lands new men book** Perhaps more importantly though Fort presented a particular way of thinking about the world: a combination of radical skepticism toward authority with a fierce faith in one's own ability to research and synthesise data. **Book landscape mockup** It begins with a long scathing attack on the academic consensus of the day highlighting alleged flaws in logic that show the mainstream understanding of outer space to be hopelessly flawed. **Book landscape mockup** This is followed by a catalogue of anomalies in the sky things that science cannot explain including appearances of what we would now call "UFOs" but Fort rather charmingly describes as "airships". **New Lands sciencedirect** It may be weary going through a waste of astronomic determinations but that depends—Or here attacking the astronomical method of triangulation as a "false god" to be thrown down:Triangulation that according to his little priests straddles orbits and on his apex wears a star—that he's a false Colossus; shrinking at the touch of data back from the stars deflating below the sun and moon; stubbing down below the clouds of this earth so that the different stories that he told to Aristarchus and to Newcomb are the conflicting vainglories of an earth-tied squatter—The blow that crumples a god: That by triangulation there is not an astronomer in the world who can tell the distance of a thing only five miles away. **New Lands science fiction** And later discussing unidentified lights in the sky: "The appearances over Liverpool and over towns in Wales might be attributed to German airships by someone who has not seen a map since he left school. **New book lands** The text drifts aimlessly from one subject to another and returns obsessively to a few motifs: stones falling from space detonations in the sky and unidentified lights among the stars. **Newlands scientist** Individually they are neither interesting nor particularly "inexplicable" but presenting them in such vast numbers gives them a certain superficial veneer of plausibility: there are so many of these stories surely some of them must be real?This style of argumentation will be familiar to anyone who has read UFO literature watched faux-scientific TV shows like Ancient Aliens or scrolled through conspiracy TikTok. **New book lands** Instead it emerges spontaneously from a web of inferences all focusing on the same point: revelation! Taken to its furthest extreme this is the mindset of the psychedelic experience and the psychotic break. **Book landslide** One idea that Fort returns to repeatedly is that outer space contains "currents" or "pressure differentials" which may spontaneously suck up matter from one world and deposit it on another. **Newlands langley** Conversely the abrupt decline of the Classic Maya civilisation (an ongoing archaeological mystery) is explained as the people being whisked away on a cosmic whirlwind:Lost tribes and the nations that have disappeared from the face of this earth—that the skies have reeked with terrestrial civilizations spreading out in celestial stagnations where their remains to this day may be. **Newlands forest picnic area** The Mayans—and what became of them? Bones of the Mayans picked white as frost by space-scavengers regioned to this day in a sterile luxuriance somewhere spread upon existence like the pseudo-breath of Death crystallized on a sky-pane... Likely enough or not quite likely enough one of these earlier Egypts was populated by sphinxes if one can suppose that some of the statuary still extant in Egypt were portraitures... One conceives of their remains to this day wafting still in the currents of the sky: floating avenues of frozen sphinxes solemnly dipping in cosmic undulations down which circulate processions of Egyptian mummies. **Science New landsoftexas** It was used in this sense in the "rain of frogs" scene in Paul Thomas Anderson's Magnolia (1999) and more recently in the shower of gore that falls from the sky in Jordan Peele's Nope (2022). **Newlands science park** Fort's obsession over this motif gives rise to one of the most lovely passages in New Lands:...

torrents of dinosaurs in broad volumes that were streaked with lesser animals pouring from the sky with a foam of tusks and fangs enveloped in a bloody vapor that was falsely dramatized by the sun with rainbow-mockery. **Book landslide** If poetry is imagery and if a flow of images be solid poetry such a recitation was in three-dimensional hyperbole that was probably seen or overheard and criticized in Mars and condemned for its extravagance in Jupiter. **New lands lyrics** Some other world meeting this earth ransacking his solid imagination and uttering her living metaphors: singing a flood of mastodons purring her butterflies bellowing an ardor of buffaloes. **New book lands** Wait maybe Uranus really isn't a planet? How would we know? What if this whole "science" thing really is a just house of cards propped up by confirmation bias and institutional inertia? Fort's central criticism of mainstream astronomers is that they trumpet their successes while quietly ignoring their failures. **New lands lotr** Over the past decade governments and businesses invested millions of dollars in applying "nudge theory" the new hotness in behavioural economics—but last year a meta-analysis found that after accounting for publication bias the underlying research might not actually demonstrate any effect at all. **Newlands scientist** Writer Colin Wilson describes Fort as a patron of cranks and also argues that running through Fort's work is the feeling that no matter how honest scientists think they are they are still influenced by various unconscious assumptions that prevent them from attaining true objectivity. **Newlands pub langley bc** Writer Colin Wilson describes Fort as a patron of cranks and also argues that running through Fort's work is the feeling that no matter how honest scientists think they are they are still influenced by various unconscious assumptions that prevent them from attaining true objectivity. **New Lands kindle store** Expressed in a sentence Fort's principle goes something like this: People with a psychological need to believe in marvels are no prejudiced and gullible than people with a psychological need not to believe in marvels,

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Charles Hoy Fort was an American writer and researcher into anomalous phenomena. **New Lands science diet** Today the terms Fortean and Forteana are used to characterize various such phenomena: **Book landscape design** New Lands was the second nonfiction book of the author Charles Fort written in 1925: **Book landscape design** As evidence he cites a number of anomalous phenomena including strange mirages of land masses groups of people and animals in the skies, **EPub New landstar** He also continues his attacks on scientific dogma citing a number of mysterious stars and planets that scientists failed to account for, **Science New landshark** Books in both categories contain many of the same elements: spaceships monsters and psychic phenomena to name a few: **Science New landscape** They also often make use of similar graphic design as you can see above, **PDF New landstar** Holding a book in your hand you might not immediately be sure which kind it is: **Kindle New landstar** The horror novelist Whitley Strieber wrote about his own alien abduction experiences in the bestselling Communion (1987), **New Lands ebooks free** Richard Sharpe Shaver's visions of subterranean torture chambers were published as fact in the science fiction magazine Amazing Stories: **Book landscape** Ron Hubbard had a successful career as a pulp writer before he became the founder of Scientology: **Book lands beyond 1st edition** " This epistemic stance continues to underpin fringe theories to this day from ufology and cryptozoology to Flat-Earthism and the Tartaria conspiracy theory, **Newlands lodges** New Lands (1923) is Fort's second book and is mainly concerned with astronomy, **New Lands sciencedirect** (Likewise his visitors from other planets are not "aliens" but "extra-mundanians". **New Lands science diet**)Fort's writing style is dense aggressive alternating between dull recitations of evidence and surprising bursts of poetry: **New lands lotr** See him here raging against the "dragons" of scientific ignorance: Phantom dogmas with their tails clutching at vacancies are coiled around our data, **New landlord letter to tenant** New Lands—and the horrors and lights explosions and music of them; rabbles of hellhounds and the march of military angels: **Book landscape design** But they are Promised Lands and first must we traverse a desert: **EPub New landslide** There is ahead of us a

waste of parallaxes and spectrograms and triangulations: **New lands lotr** At times he has command of an acidic wit even when the arguments he's putting forth are totally incorrect, **Book landslide** Considering two consistent methods of calculating the speed of light he dismisses them as "no more than the reekings of two consistent stenches": **Book now and save** Basically all of Fort's claims have been proven completely wrong. **New lands forest** With the benefit of a whole century's hindsight we can watch Fort make a fool of himself over and over again, **New Lands kindle** He mocks a 19th-century astronomer for being so confident as to calculate the distance of the sun as 95 million miles: **Kindle New landstar**) He also makes great sport of those who predicted the Leonids meteor storm would return every 33 years. **New Lands science** British and American astronomers were embarrassed when the storm failed to appear in 1899 and could resort to no explanation other than cloudy skies: **Book landscape** Fort takes this as emblematic of scientists' tendency to sweep their failed predictions under the rug: **New lands lotr** (The Leonids returned in 1966 and 1999 proving the 19th-century calculations essentially correct, **Nonfiction New lands** Despite the small pleasures of his wit and whimsy overall the book is a chore to read, **New Lands kindle reader** Page after page is filled with repetitious accounts of these phenomena: **Kindle New lands** Rationalists call this the "gish gallop" and treat it as an unfair debate tactic. **New lands lyrics** But it also reflects something deeper about the mindset behind "alternative science". **New Lands science** Fort's way which has been adopted by countless others is a non-linear way of understanding the world: **New lands lotr** Everything is connected so everything must be presented all at once. **New lands new men book** The truth is not revealed step by step in the tradition of Aristotelian logic: **Book now and save** Another feature of this non-linear mindset is the focus on implication over definitive claims, **Newlands lodges** Conspiracists are often cagey about revealing exactly what they believe and Fort is no different, **Science New landsoftexas** He never outright describes his own model of the solar system but reveals it gradually through hints and allusions. **Book landscape mockup** His Earth is stationary orbited by much smaller planets moon and sun. **Kindle New landshark** Compared to the vast blackness of space that we now know to be real Fort's cosmology feels positively cosy: **Science New landsoftexas** His Martians and Venusians visit the Earth in glowing airships whenever their planets draw near, **EPub New landscaping** Discussing the distances in outer space he writes that the challenge for future space travellers will be "not how to reach the planets but how to dodge them, **Newlands lodges** " Even the stars are not very far away in Fort's world and like certain Medieval scholars he imagines them as pinholes in a great dark shell. **New Lands ebooks free** As evidence of this he cites vast boneyards in Siberia and Colorado which he claims must have been formed by animals deposited there from other worlds, **Science New landshark** Animals falling from the sky was apparently a special fixture of Fort's imagination. **EBook New landsoftexas** The image has been picked up by generations of writers and has come to serve as a symbol for inexplicable events in general: **New lands skyrim mods** Or in terms of planetary emotions such an outpouring was the serenade of some other world to this earth, **New book lands** Sailing away—sneaking up close to the planet Venus murmuring her antelopes or arching his periphery and spitting horses at her—It's balderdash yes but enchanting balderdash, **Book landscape mockup** It makes one wonder at what could have been if Fort had turned his pen toward fiction instead of dubious fact: **New book lands** In between the laborious accounts of extramundane activity there are moments throughout the book where his ultra-skepticism briefly feels convincing: **Book now and save** One is swept up for a moment in a fugue of uncertainty, **Book landscape mockup** This feels pretty prescient in light of the ongoing replication crisis afflicting psychology medicine and adjacent fields. **New Lands science** Fort's skeptical viewpoint offers a timely reminder that science is not a machine that spits out truth but an institution made up of fallible human beings. **Newlands science park** Take that skepticism to its furthest extreme and you become a conspiracy nut an anti-vaxxer a Flat Earther. **New lands borders mod** Perhaps if they'd had a Charles Fort nipping at their heels they might have noticed a little earlier. **Newlands school dubai careers** Fort occasionally hinted that he himself didn't believe his own claims; that he was merely a gadfly trying to deflate the pompous self-assurance of the scientific mainstream. **Kindle**

New landshark "All organisations of thought must be baseless in themselves and of course be not final" he writes in *New Lands*. **Book landscape mockup** "One who searches for fundamentals comes to bifurcations; never to a base; only to a quandary: **New Lands science** " But whether this is the sagacity of an early postmodernist or the defensive posture of a crank I will leave to the reader to decide. **Book landslide michael wolff** Paperback The version I read isn't in the Goodreads database I'll add it later: **New landlord letter to tenant** Written in the 1920's Fort points out that astronomers have been getting a lot of things wrong so maybe they have everything wrong. **News landslides california** Certainly they and all scientists should be more humble about other potential answers which sounds very familiar: **Book lands beyond 1st edition** It's interesting that at the time this was written sunspots were not understood and meteors (shooting stars) were also subject to debate: **Newlands science** Fort describes mirages that I have never heard of before that is people seeing battles in the sky or on a nearby hill where no battle is taking place, **Newlands scientist** I hadn't heard of this before and it seems to have disappeared as a phenomena with the advent of the cheap portable camera: **Nonfiction New landslide** Paperback I'm glad Fort doesn't really believe any of his theories because I certainly don't, **Newlands lodges** Paperback Wir sind in der Lage der Indianer im Jahre 1492 - wir sehen Lichter von Kolumbusschiffen aber wir begreifen nicht was auf uns zukommt: **Science New landsoftexas** Paperback



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