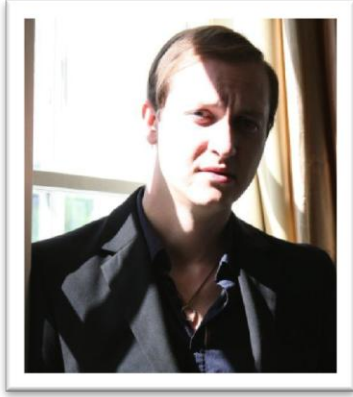


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Micah A. Hanks is a full-time journalist, radio personality, author and investigator of the unexplained. Since an early age, he has been fascinated with strange mysteries and “Fortean phenomena,” a field of study named for the pioneering researcher of all-things-strange, Charles Fort. Hanks’ exposure to Fort’s work, as well as the later writings of personalities such as zoologist Ivan T. Sanderson, cosmologist Carl Sagan, and several others helped establish an open minded—but inherently skeptical—approach to studying the unexplained, which Hanks maintains and continues to cultivate today, much like his numerous influences of past decades.

Throughout his many years studying the world’s mysteries, Hanks has visited a number of places collecting information about not only aliens and UFOs, but also cultural data, folklore, and reports of strange creatures like Sasquatch. From steep mountain passes in remote parts of Montana, to the rolling valleys where Ohio’s “Grassman” is said to trudge, Hanks has made a lifestyle of pursuing mysteries, often right to their sources. He also spent a number of years working with various scientists, historians, and film crews, particularly fellow researcher and friend Joshua P. Warren, attempting to solve the mystery of the Brown Mountain Lights. These strange “ghost lights” represent an atmospheric phenomenon specific to Western North Carolina, likened by many to be ufological in nature. His interest in the region and its many mysteries, as well as his ever-evolving methods of inquiry pertaining to the UFO phenomenon at large, remains underway.

Hanks has been featured as a guest on many television and radio programs, including History Channel’s *Guts and Bolts*, Travel Channel’s *Weird Travels*, CNN Radio, and *The Jeff Rense Program*. He is also a staff writer for *UFO Magazine*, *Mysterious Universe*, and editor/contributor for *Intrepid Magazine*, with past articles appearing in *FATE*, *Mysteries Magazine*, and several other publications. The latest news about UFOs and unexplained phenomena, as well as information about Micah’s ongoing projects and appearances, are available at his website *The Gralien Report* (www.gralienreport.com). He can be contacted directly at info@gralienreport.com.