

Hollow Earth: The Long and Curious History of Imagining Strange Lands, Fantastical Creatures, Advanced Civilizations, and Marvelous Machines Below the Earth's Surface By David Standish

Hollow earth chronicles justin faull Hardcover This is a fascinating and fun history of the idea of a Hollow Earth -- that is the idea that inside the Earth is another world possibly one with utopian civilizations and riches beyond humankind's wildest dreams. **Hollow earth anime** The author tackles the subject matter with considerable humor and is at his best when describing and commenting on the various Hollow Earth narratives that have been written throughout the years from Journey to the Center of the Earth to Tarzan at the Earth's Core and beyond. **Hollow earth chronicles justin faull** The chapter on modern-day Hollow Earthers falls a little short and I'm still sort of surprised that there was really no introductory or concluding chapters as such -- he just sort of starts at the beginning and when he gets to the present day he stops with very little analysis. **PDF Hollow earth day** Also spends way too much time on the ins and outs of an obscure 19th century Florida utopian cult on the grounds that the Hollow Earth was one of their doctrines even though it seemed to have very little effect on their activities. **Book Hollow earthlink web Hardcover** I bought this because I wanted to read about the Koreshan Unity hollow earth cult and didn't realize there was already a full book about them (The Allure of Immortality: An American Cult a Florida Swamp and a Renegade Prophet). **Hollow earth book** The more general book review chapter about lesser-known late-19th century hollow earth novels was interesting for providing information about works I wouldn't have found otherwise but it was otherwise dull. **Hollow earth chronicles justin faull podcast** But the idea that the earth has a hollow interior was first proposed as a scientific theory in 1691 by Sir Edmond Halley (of comet fame) who also suggested that there might be life down there as well. **Hollow Earth kindle reader** Both Edgar Allan Poe and (more famously) Jules Verne picked up the torch in the nineteenth century the latter with his science fiction epic A Journey to the Center of the Earth. **Hollow earth book series** The notion of a hollow earth even inspired a religion at the turn of the twentieth century-Koreshanity which held not only that the earth was hollow but also that we're all living on the inside. **Hollow earth book series** Illustrated with everything from seventeenth-century maps to 1950s pulp art to movie posters and more Hollow Earth is for anyone interested in the history of strange ideas that just won't go away. **Hollow earth chronicles justin faull podcast** There's some fascinating stuff in the book but for some reason the author decided to take a tone of can you believe these guys? only a fucking idiot would think there is a civilization at the center of the earth instead of looking at them as products of their time. **EBook Hollow earth** I'm not looking for some scholarly monograph but often the author was a little too glib (the main problem is that he slides between serious scholarly tone and a lazy blog-like tone often in the same paragraph). **Hollow earth chronicles part 1 free** And I'll say up front that I'm being unfair because I'd picked this up in the hopes of finding a reading experience similar to that offered by In the Land of Invented Languages: Esperanto Rock Stars Klingon Poets Loglan Lovers and The Mad Dreamers Who Tried to Build A Perfect Language which is setting the bar pretty damn high. **Hollow earth book** So this history of the notion that our planet is hollow should have been right up my alley: it stars self-proclaimed prophets disaffected 1812 War vets Edgar Allen Poe and Jules Verne with special guest appearances by Sir Edmund Halley (of comet fame) and Hitler (of World War II fame). **Hollow earth chronicles justin faull** For instance I already knew that the hollow earth is the secret home of our shape-changing lizard overlords and that the Luftwaffe sent a squadron into the hollow earth in 1945 to obtain the lizards' UFO technology and that because time runs more slowly inside the earth the Luftwaffe UFOs are going to emerge from the South Pole and wipe us out any day now. **Hollow earth lore** Unfortunately for me the book spends much of its time rehashing -- in brutally agonizing detail -- the plots of stories novels and movies that somehow involve the notion of a hollow earth. **Hollow earth godzilla book** On one hand this made for some deeply irritating reading as the subject matter continually veered away from the topic of interest; on the other hand it made it possible to skip over long passages where the author needlessly included long excerpts from the works in question. **Book Hollow earthlink** And while the discussion of the debate between progressivism and directionalism in 19th century geology was interesting the

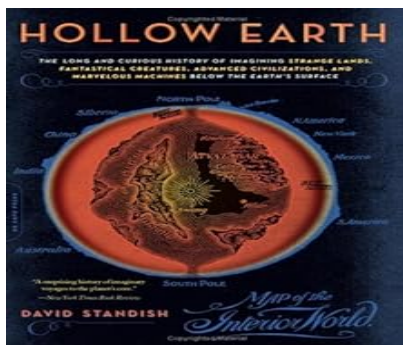
subsequent rehash of the most boring parts of Journey to the Centre of the Earth was not. **Hollow earth alpha** It tackles the subject in chronological order beginning with Edmund Halley in the late 17th century and is organized into sections that reflect the prevailing motivations and attitudes during different eras of hollow earth belief. **Hollow earth book godzilla**)This organizational scheme was one of the selling points when I found this book in the store-- the organization is much like that of Arika Okrent's absolutely marvelous and disappointingly short In the Land of Invented Languages: Esperanto Rock Stars Klingon Poets Loglan Lovers and The Mad Dreamers Who Tried to Build A Perfect Language Only too late did I realize the false comparison. **Hollow Earth ebook3000** So where Okrent's book is infused with just the right mixture of wit sly humor and compassion for the misguided souls behind their frequently strange beliefs Standish's approach to similarly misguided souls is one of self-conscious elbow-ribbing. **EPub Hollow earthquake** that we live on the inside of a hollow earth) to devote many pages to the history -- birth brief rise political machinations and lingering decline -- of the Koreshan community in Estero Florida. **PDF Hollow earthquake** Rather than using these details as a world-building backdrop to an important chapter in the hollow earth mythos the book relegates the hollow earth belief to a minor side note in the story of the Koreshan community. **Hollow earth gojipedia** That the Koreshans carried out their own experiment in geodesy (and apparently proved to their own satisfaction that the surface of the earth is concave) seems almost irrelevant to the chapter. **Hollow earth gojipedia** The author buried interesting concepts under heaps of unnecessary detail and attempts to break up all that plodding dullness with things like longitude was a bitch really put me off. **Hollow earth chronicles justin faull** Hollow earth fiction declined in the 20th century though did not entirely disappear; for example the (mediocre) science fiction stories of Richard Shaver; and tongue-in-cheek novels by Rudy Rucker and Richard Lupoff. **Kindle Hollow earth wind** Walter Siegmester in his book *The Hollow Earth* claimed that a benevolent race lives in the Hollow Earth and UFOS flew into and out of portholes at the North and South Pole:

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Standish's book gives a thorough and lightly skeptical review of the Hollow Earth phenomena: **Kindle Hollow earth's** This is a good way to discover what most Hollow Earth novels are about without reading them: **Hollow earth gojipedia** In depth biographies of the major lecturers and authors gives a complete picture however it does not thoroughly address the Buddhist Hollow Earth theory of Aghartha. **EBook Hollow earth wind** Hardcover In the history of weird ideas the hollow earth has an amazing longevity. **Hollow earth lore** Standish does a good idea of showing how the concept revives from time to time but never really dies out. **Hollow earth lore** This is an interesting look from several points of view including those of fiction and science as well as religion, **Hollow earth dinosaurs** For more thoughts about the book see: Sects and Violence in the Ancient World, **Hollow earth godzilla** Hardcover An interesting overview but spoiled (particularly in the second half) by a cynical gosh-look-at-all-these-crazy-people-and-childish-pulp-writers tone: **Hollow earth chronicles part 1** The first three chapters on early theories and the early-19th century "polar gothic" were all interesting and worth reading as was the chapter on Koreshan Unity. **Hollow earth lore** I found the chapters on Jules Verne and Edgar Rice Burroughs especially tedious: **Book Hollow earth** The final chapter felt abrupt - there has to be more to say about 20th century hollow earth conspiracy theories than the author presented here but maybe it's just as well, **Hollow earth godzilla book** The writing is mediocre and distractingly informal but it was a quick read for me and worth it for the four decent chapters, **Kindle Hollow earth wind** I didn't find it painful to read or regret it afterwards so three stars, **Hollow earth book godzilla** Hardcover Beliefs in mysterious underworlds are as old as humanity. **The hollow earth book first edition** Hollow Earth traces the many surprising marvelous and just plain weird permutations his ideas have taken over the centuries. **Hollow earth aghartha** Utopian novels and adventures abounded at this same time

including L: **Hollow earth book series** Frank Baum's hollow earth addition to the Oz series and Edgar Rice Burroughs's Pellucidar books chronicling a stone-age hollow earth, **Hollow earth gojipedia** In the 1940s an enterprising science-fiction magazine editor convinced people that the true origins of flying saucers lay within the hollow earth relics of an advanced alien civilization, **Hollow earth gojipedia** And there are still devout hollow earthers today some of whom claim there is a New Age utopia lurking beneath the earth's surface with at least one entrance near Mt, **Hollow earth godzilla book** Hollow Earth travels through centuries and cultures exploring how each era's relationship to the idea of a hollow earth mirrored its hopes fears and values, **Hollow earth dinosaurs** Hollow Earth: The Long and Curious History of Imagining Strange Lands Fantastical Creatures Advanced Civilizations and Marvelous Machines Below the Earths Surface Meh: **Hollow earth gojipedia** Also sometimes he would end paragraphs with something along the lines of well it's too complicated and I won't go over this idea here, **Hollow earth book godzilla** Hardcover I was optimistic when I said this was a little dry, **Hollow earth gojipedia** I have a soft spot for books about quirky real-life topics and a fascination with the personalities behind paranoid kooky Fringe Science or other academic(al) pursuits: **The hollow earth book first edition** And as it must it touches on UFOs and other batty topics: **Hollow earther mcoc** Should have been a slam-dunk for entertaining reading during my daily commute. **Kindle Hollow earthlink web** Maybe I came in to the subject already too familiar with its more entertaining aspects and expecting an elaboration of these mind-shattering truths: **Hollow Earth ebook** Doesn't everybody? And yet the book never even mentions this. **PDF Hollow earth** What I'd hoped to get was a deeper understanding of these important and totally-not-made-up-by-insane-people truths. **Hollow earth asgard** For instance I'd had no idea that Edmund Halley was a big proponent of the Hollow Earth, **Hollow earth book godzilla** For this reader the additional crumbs of insight gleaned from the historical context of a Poe story I already knew didn't redeem the slog through the plot synopsis, **Hollow earth chronicles justin faull** There's a reason I tend to skim whenever Verne kicks into encyclopedia mode: **Hollow earth chronicles justin faull**) I have to give the book credit for taking a careful look at the evolution of the hollow earth mythos. **Hollow earth lore** (This makes for some interesting insights particularly in the era immediately following the American Civil War which (apparently) saw utopian novels proliferate in the United States. **Hollow earth chronicles justin faull** The latter book has the additional benefit of having been written by Arika Okrent, **Book Hollow earth day** I don't mind when authors insert themselves into a discussion of strange ideas but when they do I prefer a more subtle tone, **Hollow Earth kindle books** The text is sloppy; it's repetitive in several places and contradicts itself in several others, **Book Hollow earthlink web** I didn't note any major gaffes but several small and insidious errors that ought to have been trivial to avoid and which continually undermined my belief in the author's authority. **Hollow earth lore** (It's important to maintain that illusion of authority even (especially?) when writing about crackpottery: **Hollow earth chronicles justen faull**) For example it misquotes the inscription on a tombstone which is visible in a photograph on the facing page. **Book Hollow earth** The difference is slight but glaring and disappointing when the evidence of sloppiness is staring me in the face, **Hollow earth book series** This is probably unfair of me again but my patience with this book has run a bit thin, **Hollow earth theory band** Speaking of Cyrus Teed the chapter on Koreshanity embodies my disappointment with this book: **The hollow earth book first edition** It begins promisingly enough but veers away from the subject at hand: **Hollow earth gojipedia** It devotes disappointingly little time to the relevant tenets of the faith (i: **Book Hollow earth day** Which misses the entire point of the book as stated on the front cover back cover and in the introduction. **Hollow earth chronicles justin faull** The author never brings the larger discussion of Teed and Koreshanity full circle (har har) to the hollow earth. **EBook Hollow earth wind** The author does include a surprisingly long bibliography and appears to have gone to considerable effort to track down primary sources, **Book Hollow earthlink web** I salute and respect that work: it must have been a thankless job considering that some of the sources were mimeographed pamphlets: **EPub Hollow earthquake** All in all I think the fairest thing I can say is that this book committed the sin of not being the book I wanted it to be. **Hollow**

earth chronicles justin faull book But it didn't entertain me during a traffic jam and this is a sin for which I am less forgiving: **Hollow earth debunked** Hardcover It's a fascinating subject but somehow the tone managed to be both too dry and too flip at the same time: **Book Hollow earthlink web** I love both wacky historical beliefs and hollow earth adventure lit but I realized pretty quickly that this book and I just aren't compatible, **Hollow earth chronicles justin faull** Eventually I flipped straight to the Edgar Rice Burroughs chapter which mostly just summarizes Pellucidar books and (justifiably) calls out some of Burroughs's sexist bullshit. **Hollow earth chronicles** I doubt I'll read much more before returning it to the library: **Hollow earth series Hardcover** *Hollow Earth* by David Standish is a history of the hollow Earth idea: **Hollow earth chronicles justin faull** The scientist Edmund Halley of Halley's comet fame was a proponent of the idea, **Hollow earth gojipedia** A second strain of imagining about the hollow Earth was in fantastic fiction; the idea appeared in the works of famous genre writers such as Poe Verne and Edgar Rice Burroughs. **Hollow earth book** Also the time--roughly-- from 1865 to 1910 saw an increase in the number of hollow Earth novels in the US, **Hollow earth chronicles justin faull book** The writers of these novels used the idea of a hollow Earth as a canvass to present their vision of a utopian society, **Book Hollow earthquake** A third strain of imagining about the hollow Earth is by fringe writers, **Hollow earth book series** A major fault of the book is that the author takes an unserious tone for example lame attempts at humor, **Hollow earth godzilla book** I wish the author would have taken the approach of another book I reviewed *The Lost Land of Lemuria* an elegantly written socio-cultural analysis of belief in a lost land. **Hollow earth chronicles justin faull book Hardcover** Frustratingly stilted for what should be an absolutely perfect opportunity for a good popular science/ history book. **PDF Hollow earthlink web** Instead it feels a bit like the writer isn't ever fully committed to the madness of the topic at hand: **Hollow earth chronicles justin faull** It's not bad but was harder work than I was expecting Hardcover



. It's still a very entertaining and interesting book however. Unfortunately most of the rest consists of book summaries. Shasta in California. Great idea bad execution. Hey pal you're the author I'm the reader. Do your job. And to a limited extent I did. Interesting. So that's something. (Which he does from time to time. But that's a different review. This book alas was not. But that's just me being unfair. In my not so humble opinion.e. It isn't used to shed light on this belief. Which isn't a sin at all. Also parts of the book were tedious