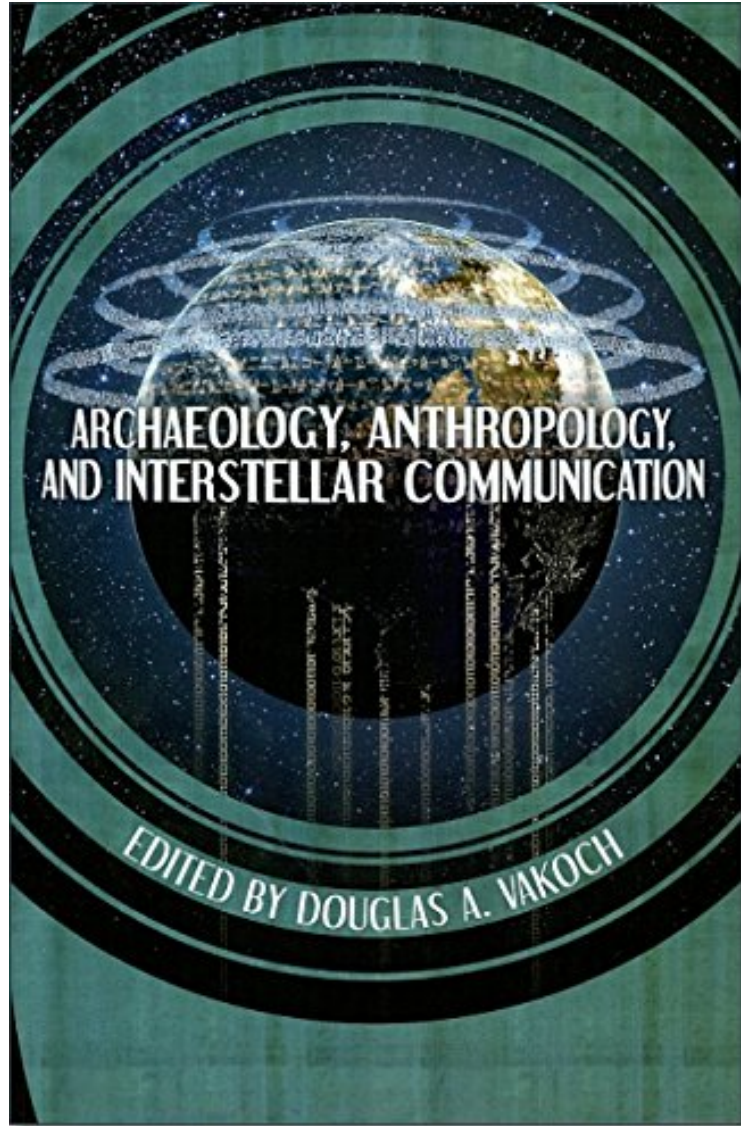


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finished reading the Kindle edition that my brother sent me, but when I went to find it here on , so as to write this review, I'm told that there is no Kindle edition! Strange. Especially for a well-thought-out and provocative series of essays concentrating on EXTRA-terrestrial intelligence. Let's be clear here -- these are serious attempts at discerning what, where, when, and how any messages might be perceived and interpreted, going EITHER WAY. I was especially intrigued by the archaeological and anthropological aspects, being an archaeologist (and therefore, an anthropologist) myself. I cannot tell you how much this book disturbed me (in a good way). Having grown up with science fiction always in the household, and being a Star Trek fan and Buddhist student, as well as a follower of John C. Lilly's experiments with dolphins, the whole concept of OTHER was always there. Like Artificial Intelligence (AI), another matter entirely [but then again, maybe not, as it was pointed out that this is one serious possible mode of Contact], the probability of communication with other worlds (or civilizations) is an issue of when, not if. So we might as well prepare as best we can for it. That's what this book does, by some of the best minds to ever attempt it. Like AI, this could be both a boon or a bane, and the likelihood that we humans will muck it up rather than adapt to its most harmonious conclusions is an overriding factor. I highly, and I mean HIGHLY recommend that serious minds (and even a few politicians) take the effort to read and realize the implications. To be honest, I don't think it'll be a good thing for mankind in the short run, but if we get over the initial hurdles and show ourselves to be worthy, it may prove to be a god-send (rather than a God's end). Very thought-provoking. Exo-ethnobiology may be the next big scientific endeavor. Good luck, mankind...2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Excellent CollectionBy Michael GlavianoThis is a collection of articles by people who have been involved with the SETI program in its various incarnations. I found the individual articles interesting, albeit a bit formal on occasion. That (slight) criticism aside, I think the collection is wonderful. It provides so much to think about, both in its recounting of the history of SETI and in the merger of thoughts well outside the realm of the physical sciences.

Addressing a field that has been dominated by astronomers, physicists, engineers, and computer scientists, the contributors to this collection raise questions that may have been overlooked by physical scientists about the ease of establishing meaningful communication with an extraterrestrial intelligence. These scholars are grappling with some of the enormous challenges that will face humanity if an information-rich signal emanating from another world is detected. By drawing on issues at the core of contemporary archaeology and anthropology, we can be much better prepared for contact with an extraterrestrial civilization, should that day ever come. Individuals, especially scientists, anthropologists, physicists, engineers, astronomers, and others that may have an interest in the philosophy of extraterrestrial civilizations and life beyond Earth may have an interest in this scholarly book.

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<http://reviews.libraryjournal.com/2015/05/reference/meeting-information-challenges-notable-government-documents-2014/> "Known in the scientific community as SETI (search for extraterrestrial intelligence), the quest for identifying and contacting sentient beings from other planets has long captivated the public's imagination. While most research in extraterrestrial communication has been conducted by scholars in the physical sciences, this collection highlights studies from scholars in the social sciences and humanities. It is hoped that the interdisciplinary perspective will better prepare us for the exchange of information with as-yet-unknown civilizations. While this is serious scholarship, general readers will appreciate the accessible writing."