



ABYSSAL SAPIENCE

A SPECULATIVE NONFICTION EXPLORATION OF DEEP TIME,
INTELLIGENCE, AND THE LIMITS OF HUMAN PERCEPTION.

Abyssal Sapience: Deep Time, Hidden Minds, Unveiled Origins is a work of speculative nonfiction that examines how assumptions about intelligence, life, and perception shape what humans are able to recognize as real.

Drawing on evolutionary biology, deep-ocean ecology, and the philosophy of science, the book explores a hypothesis rarely considered in mainstream discourse: that complex, nonhuman intelligence may have emerged within Earth's oceans under conditions of extreme depth, pressure, and time. Rather than framing unidentified aerial phenomena as technological artifacts or external visitors, *Abyssal Sapience* asks whether some such observations might instead reflect biological forms that challenge human perceptual and conceptual models.

The book does not present definitive conclusions. Instead, it investigates how misrecognition arises at the boundaries of knowledge, and how scientific humility, epistemological care, and interdisciplinary thinking can widen the space in which questions about nonhuman intelligence are responsibly explored.

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AREAS OF INQUIRY

- Deep-time evolution and the conditions under which complex life may arise
- Nonhuman intelligence and the limits of anthropocentric models
- Deep-ocean ecology as an underexplored context for biological complexity
- Perception, misrecognition, and the epistemology of the unknown
- The role of scientific humility in hypothesis formation at the edges of knowledge
- Interdisciplinary approaches to questions of life, intelligence, and time
- Unidentified phenomena considered through non-technological frameworks

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Keaton Ryon is an independent writer whose work examines questions of intelligence, perception, and nonhuman life at the intersection of evolutionary biology and the philosophy of science. Drawing on contemporary research in deep-ocean ecology and long-standing debates in epistemology, Ryon explores how human assumptions shape what is recognized as possible or real.

Abyssal Sapience grew out of sustained inquiry into misrecognition, deep time, and the limits of anthropocentric models of intelligence, and reflects a commitment to approaching speculative questions with scientific humility and conceptual care.

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