



Beyond Contact: A Guide to SETI and Communicating with Alien Civilizations

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O'Reilly Media, Inc, USA. Book. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Beyond Contact: A Guide to SETI and Communicating with Alien Civilizations, Brian McConnell, In the early 1960s, Frank Drake, a young astronomer with the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) in Green Bank, West Virginia, developed what is now known as the "Drake Equation" in an effort to determine how many intelligent, communicative civilizations our galaxy could harbour. For 40 years, the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) has combed the skies in search of signals from star systems within the galaxy. In this book, Brian McConnell goes behind the scenes and examines what goes into the search for intelligent life. SETI is a four-step process. First we have to know where to look; then we must be able to send and receive signals to that star system. Once signals arrive, scientists then need to be able to interpret those signals into something that can be understood. And although we have not yet received any signals (except for our own Earth-based transmissions), we will eventually have to figure out a protocol for responding. This book introduces readers to: the history of SETI research, including the early searches of Project Ozma, traditional radio...



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