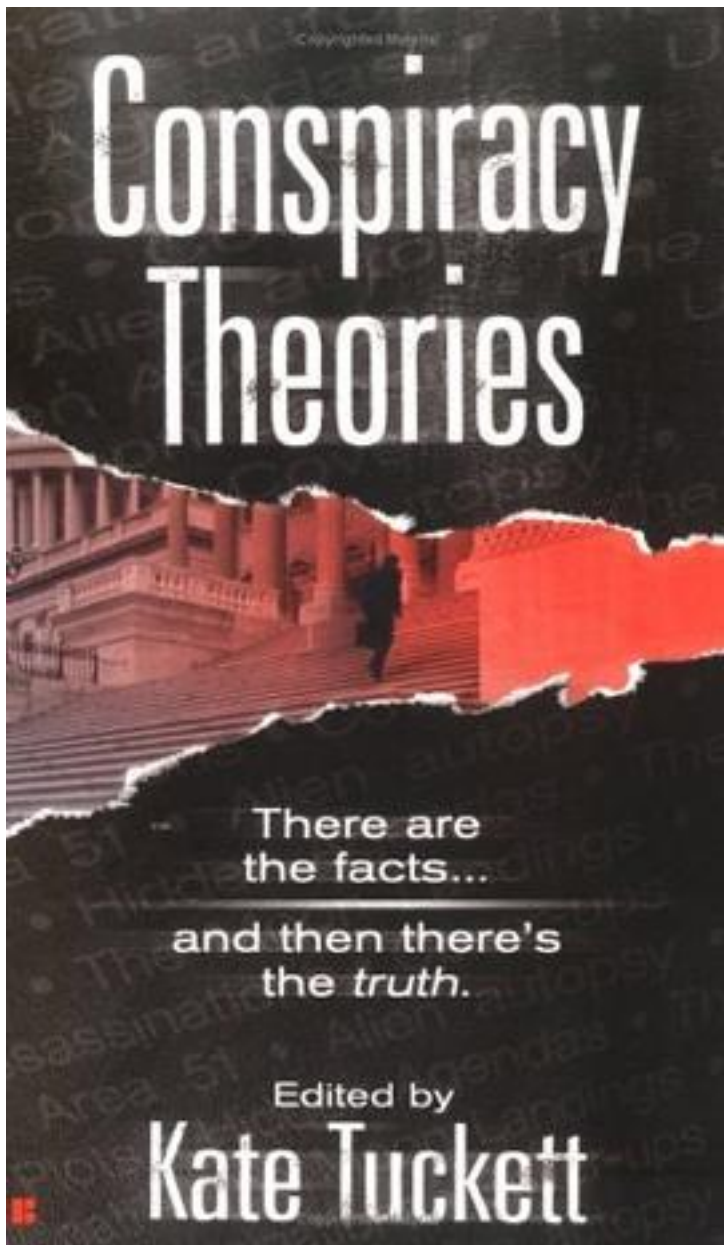


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In this enlightening tour of conspiracy theories, Mark Fenster guides readers through this shadowy world and analyzes its complex role in American culture and politics. Fenster argues that conspiracy theories are a form of popular political interpretation and contends that recognizing how they circulate through mass culture helps us better understand our society as a whole. To that end, he discusses Richard Hofstadter's *The Paranoid Style in American Politics*, the militia movement, the X-Files, popular Christian apocalyptic thought, and such artifacts of suspicion as the *Turner Diaries*, *The Illuminatus! Trilogy*, and the novels of Richard Condon.

Fenster analyzes the "conspiracy community" of radio shows, magazine and book publishers, Internet resources, and role-playing games that cultivate these theories. He believes conspiracy theory has become a thrill for a bored subculture, one characterized by its members' reinterpretation of "accepted" history, their deep cynicism about contemporary politics, and their longing for a utopian future.

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