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At the war's end, the men of the USS Sturman were ordered to join hands on the ship's deck, ignorant pawns in a top-secret Navy experiment.

An alarm sounded. A humming began. Moments later a common surge of desperate, disoriented terror was felt by every crewman as they watched the ship beneath them, and finally their own bodies, disappear into thin air.

Now, after more than 25 years, a man wakes up screaming from a nightmare having "something to do with the Navy..." Another, hopelessly insane, draws, in a childish scrawl, pictures of figures holding hands...

And Naval investigator Nicholas Hammond scratches at the iceberg tip of a complex network of cover-up and deceit, hiding a scientific breakthrough that could save the world...or destroy it.

## Thin Air Details

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## From Reader Review Thin Air for online ebook

### Halil says

Süper

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### Becky says

About the time I thought I knew where it was going I was wrong. Good story, not predictable.

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### Gregoire says

le livre s'est inspiré du mythe du "Philadelphia Experiment" (des expériences de la marine américaine pour tenter de rendre leurs navires indétectables aux radars pendant la 2e guerre mondiale )

Un roman nerveux et enlevé, qui, à part un bref paragraphe (je n'ai pas dit chapitre !!!) sur la physique et Einstein, est à la portée de tous pour un moment de lecture agréable surtout si on n'a pas vu les films parus sur ce thème (invisibilité téléportation ou transport temporel)

Sans être un homme particulièrement attachant, Nicholas Hammond est un enquêteur entêté qui ayant trouvé un fil qui dépasse s'efforce de détricoter toute l'affaire

Nota : c'est un peu "daté" mais cela ne gène en rien la lecture qui est comme un "retour dans le temps" où tous les projets, même les plus fous, étaient envisagés...

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### Kevin says

A fictionalized version of the Philadelphia Experiment seems like a great idea for a novel. Unfortunately this book shows it's age.

The main character is unlikeable. He spends most of his time investigating, which involves rudely asking co-workers to do work for him, waiting for phone calls, and working through navy bureaucracy to look up information in files. The woman are written weakly and he oddly refers to one female co-worker as "Ensign Just Ducky" all the time.

The scenes that involve the actual experiment in action are better, but not enough to offset the negatives.

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### John says

Not a bad thriller with a Philadelphia Experiment plot line

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## **Julie says**

I liked the story, I liked the story-telling. I had a hard time with the rampant mistakes. It wasn't misspelled words, but the wrong word. Fork instead of work, for example. Things the SpellCheck won't pick up. Also, many extra commas and periods throughout. But a good book that simply needs to be cleaned up.

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## **James F. says**

This 1978 paperback edition of Thin Air was written by George Simpson and Neal Burger. It is an entertaining and easy read, comfortably completed in about two hours. It is a story that is based on the premise that the military-industrial complex flourishes because of its ability to maintain secrets. I recall that the plot line was later made into a Hollywood science fiction movie. The one thing that I recall about the movie (its title has long escaped my memory) is that the movie plot line was much different than that of the novel. I prefer the story as told by the original authors.

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## **Jim Razinha says**

[Update, 6 Aug 2016... Masterful storytelling. Well worth the re-walk down Nostalgia Lane.]

Still entertaining after 30 or so years.

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## **Bob says**

### **Needs to be proof read**

This could have been a great read but all the mistakes in grammar, spelling and punctuation errors distracted me to a point where I quit reading.

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## **Rosemary Dreyer says**

In this Dan Brown-type mystery wannabe, the plot was unbelievable; the characters irritating; and the writing weak. Not to mention that there were SO many typos on my Kindle edition - 1-2 per every four out of five pages. This made for extremely frustrating reading, adding to the aggravation. I do NOT recommend this book.

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## **Vroom says**

A pleasant like-able read-once-but-probably-never-again thriller. Perfect for vacation reading.

Very dated but the dating becomes kind of retro chic with its accuracy.

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### **Mary says**

I first read this book in the 70's and loved it. I reread it many times until I lent it to a friend and it was never returned. I regretted that act of kindness for the next 2+ decades until I recently came across it on the Barnes and Noble website. Score! I enjoyed rereading the story and maybe even reliving a bit of my 20's. Good action, interesting characters and decent writing. Ignore the poor editing and you have a fun bit of sci fi. Sure hope my other favorite book by these authors (Ghostboat) finds its way into the ebook world soon. Read and enjoy

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### **Elaine Cantrell says**

Thin Air is pretty good. It has paranormal elements which I liked and seemed like something that might have really happened.

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