



The Man from Mars: Ray Palmer's Amazing Pulp Journey

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Tarcher. 1 Cloth(s), 2013. hard. Book Condition: New. Meet Ray Palmer, a hustler, a trickster, and a visionary. Though diminutive he stood at just over four feet tall Palmer was nevertheless an indomitable force in the science fiction and supernatural pulp publishing industry of the 1940s and 50s, first as a writer and editor for Amazing Stories and then as creator of such publications as Other Worlds, Fate, Mystic, Flying Saucers, and Space Age. Pulp scholar Fred Nadis paints a vivid portrait of Palmer as the brilliant, charming, and willful iconoclast who jumpstarted the flying saucer craze, frightened thousands of Americans with "true" stories of evil denizens of inner earth, and reported on cover-ups involving extraterrestrials, the paranormal, and secret government agencies. "It's been something of a mystery why, of the great pulp-era science-fiction magazine editors, Raymond Palmer seems to have slipped through the cracks of history. Hugo Gernsback and John W. Campbell are familiar names, but Palmer, who edited the influential Amazing Stories in the 1930s and '40s, is little known today. As Amazing Stories' editor, he helped to establish space opera as a major sf genre; as editor of the magazines Fate and Search, he brought stories of UFO sightings..."



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