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The Truth Is Out There: The X-Files Series, Book 2



Synopsis

Fox Mulder and Dana Scully are back in a chilling collection of all-new tales of dark secrets, alien agendas, terrifying monsters, and murderous madmen. Edited by New York Times best-selling author Jonathan Maberry, *The Truth Is Out There* features original stories by best-selling authors Rachel Caine, David Wolverton, Hank Philippi Ryan, Kelley Armstrong, Kami Garcia, Greg Cox, and many others.

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Customer Reviews

The X-Files: *The Truth Is Out There* is the second prose anthology in IDW Publishing's series edited by bestselling author Jonathan Maberry. As a long-time fan of *The X-Files*, going back to the pilot episode in 1993, I'm delighted by the resurgence and interest in the on-going investigations led by FBI Special Agents Fox Mulder and Dana Scully (aka, *The FBI's Most Unwanted*), and the anthology format provides readers and audiobook listeners with plenty of interesting new cases from various writers. However, while I mostly enjoyed my time with *The Truth Is Out There*, I can't help but feel that it is a weaker anthology than its predecessor, *Trust No One*. There are several stories that stand out as being incredibly strong, but there are also a number of mediocre entries, and one, "We Should Listen To Some Shostakovich" that is downright awful. Kelley Armstrong and Jon McGoran get the book off to a strong start, the latter presenting a really interesting story of time travel. Bev Vincent's "Phase Shift" was easily the highlight of the anthology for me, and centers around a house and its inhabitants confronted by a strange anomaly. This is a really good story with a strong, and strongly executed, premise, the ending of which

highlights the particular darkness one may confront in such an odd situation. Sorry for being vague, but this is a good one to go into blindly. Hank Schwaeble brings a welcome dose of ludicrousness to the table with "Male Privilege," where the men of a small town have suddenly grown breasts. Over the years, The X-Files has shown considerable elasticity in the nature of its premise, ranging from ultra-serious to straight-up goofball comedy, and "Male Privilege" runs to the latter end of this continuum, feeling a bit like a Darin Morgan tribute.

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