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THE E-TEAM
PROJECT MOGUL

Book One of The E-Team Series

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"The aliens aren't the problem. We are."

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LOGLINES AND TAGLINES

Series Tagline

The aliens aren't the problem. We are.

One-Sentence Logline

A three-person black-ops team that does not exist on paper races across the American Southwest to keep humanity's classified relationship with extraterrestrial visitors from collapsing into war, while a defense contractor stages alien threats to sell the weapons to stop them.

Two-Sentence Pitch

Project Mogul answers to no agency, appears in no budget, and reports to a chain of command above the Joint Chiefs. Its rapid-response unit, the E-Team, has one job: keep human institutions from turning first contact into the last mistake.

Elevator Pitch (Approximately 50 Words)

Director Kaela Renn runs the E-Team out of a cavern base hidden in a Nevada mountain. With a pilot who flies the impossible and a cyber operator who leaves no fingerprints, she recovers downed craft, rescues stranded visitors, and fights the people who profit from fear. The truth is coming out. Renn intends to survive it.

BOOK DESCRIPTION

Short Description

Project Mogul is a Tier-1 operation that exists in no official document. Its three-person E-Team, led by Director Kaela Renn, manages humanity's undisclosed contact with extraterrestrial species from S-3, a retrofitted cavern inside a Nevada mountain. When a defense contractor starts manufacturing alien threats for profit, the team's job of keeping the peace becomes a fight against its own side.

Long Description

There is a unit that does not exist. It has no budget line, no letterhead, and no chain of command anyone in Congress has heard of. It flies a modified tiltrotor called Pandora out of a hidden cavern called S-3, and it answers calls nobody else is cleared to take.

Director Kaela Renn has spent her life inside the secret. Born at the Area 51 medical facility, she can do something no briefing book explains: she can hear what the visitors are thinking. Her team is small by design. Captain Russ "Javelin" Garner, a special operations pilot recruited after a maneuver that should have torn his aircraft apart.

Lieutenant Mark Delaney, a Navy cyber operator who can get into any network and out again without leaving a trace.

An F-16 collides with an unknown craft over New Mexico, and the E-Team has minutes to reach the surviving pilot before a mother ship arrives. A Gray is moving through an OSI convoy toward a contractor's operating table. A Navy directed-energy weapon brings down a craft off San Clemente Island, and what Renn learns from its dying crew changes how she sees every human being she meets.

Behind it all is Prometheus Applied Sciences, a defense contractor staging UFO incidents to manufacture demand for alien defense systems. The visitors have been patient for a very long time. Prometheus is betting that patience can be broken.

Grounded in documented aviation, military procedure, and the real history of America's UFO programs, The E-Team: Project Mogul is a lean, fast techno-thriller for readers who want the truth behind the cover story, and the people who have been keeping it.

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Florida Author Tim Trott Takes Readers Inside America's Most Classified Alien Contact Program in *The E-Team: Project Mogul*

A military techno-thriller built on the real history of Area 51, the Nimitz encounter, and a 1947 project that never stopped

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. Independent author Tim Trott has released *The E-Team: Project Mogul,* the first book in a military science fiction series about a covert three-person unit charged with managing humanity's undisclosed relationship with extraterrestrial species.

The novel follows Director Kaela Renn and her team as they operate from S-3, a natural cavern inside a Nevada mountain range retrofitted as a hidden base. Their missions take them from a crash site in the New Mexico high desert to a Navy carrier group off the California coast, where a classified directed-energy weapon brings down an unidentified craft. All the while, a defense contractor is staging alien incidents to sell the weapons it claims are needed to stop them.

The author builds the story on documented ground. The book's title borrows from Project Mogul, the real 1947 Army Air Forces program at the center of the Roswell incident. The plot draws on the 2004 USS Nimitz "Tic Tac" encounter, the JANET flights in and out of Groom Lake, and decades of firsthand accounts from military witnesses. Aircraft systems, flight procedures, while chain-of-command details are written to hold up for readers who know them.

"The question I kept coming back to was not what the visitors would do," Trott said. "It was what we would do. Who profits from fear, and who is willing to stand in the gap when the cover story fails."

A licensed FAA Part 107 pilot and FDLE certified UAV instructor, Tim brings an aviator's eye to the novel's flight sequences, from tiltrotor hover operations to terrain-following runs below radar coverage. He also hosts Author to Author, a YouTube interview series featuring conversations between working writers.

The E-Team: Project Mogul is available now on Amazon in Kindle and paperback editions. Book Two, The E-Team: First Contact, is in development.

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ABOUT THE SERIES

The E-Team is a military science fiction series about the people who manage first contact when the public is not allowed to know it is happening. Each book follows the same small team through a changing world, from the era of total secrecy into the turbulent years after disclosure.

Book One: *The E-Team: Project Mogul*

The team's formation and early operations, in the final years of the cover-up. Rescues, recoveries, and a contractor willing to start a war for a procurement budget.

Book Two: *The E-Team: First Contact* (In Development)

The secret is out. Containment is over, and the E-Team has to decide what it is for when the world is watching. The threats are no longer only in the sky.

Tone and Approach

- Direct, third-person narration in the tradition of classic adventure fiction.
- Realistic aviation and military technical detail grounding an extraordinary premise.
- Characters revealed through action and dialog, not exposition.
- Restraint over spectacle: decisions carry consequences, and the most powerful beings in the story are often the quietest.

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS

Director Kaela Renn

Commander of the E-Team. Born at the Area 51 medical facility to a nurse and a Nordic visitor who survived the 1953 Kingman, Arizona crash, Renn grew up inside the secret and spent decades as a human-alien communicator before Project Mogul recruited her. She is tall, economical with words, and does not explain decisions she has already made. Her telepathic ability lets her receive intention before it becomes language. She does not weaponize what she learns, and that restraint defines how the E-Team operates.

Captain Russ "Javelin" Garner

Primary pilot. A former Air Force CV-22 Osprey pilot with the 353rd Special Operations Wing at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Garner earned his call sign and his transfer to Mogul with a maneuver that should have torn the wings off his aircraft. The official report called it an in-flight emergency. Steady, deliberate, and sparing with words, he trusts his hands more than the maintenance log.

Lieutenant Mark Delaney

Copilot, systems operator, and the team's intelligence and cyber specialist. A former Navy cyber operator, Delaney reads a room faster than anyone on the team and can penetrate a hardened network without leaving a fingerprint. He is not comfortable with what he does to networks. He does it anyway, and he knows the difference.

Major Arlis Thorne

Mogul's Tier-1 chain-of-command contact. Thorne recruited Renn and keeps the program authorized when authorization is needed and invisible when it is not.

Sergeant Daniel Morrison

An OSI courier with a spotless record and a daughter's college tuition to pay. Morrison's choices put him on the wrong side of the E-Team, and then on the right one.

The Antagonist: Prometheus Applied Sciences

A defense contractor that stages holographic UFO incidents to manufacture demand for alien defense systems, protected by friends in the Pentagon and a retired general on the payroll.

THE REAL-WORLD RECORD BEHIND THE FICTION

The E-Team is fiction, but it is built on public history. These touchpoints make strong hooks for interviews, reviews, and features.

- **Project Mogul (1947).** A real Army Air Forces program that flew high-altitude balloon arrays to detect Soviet nuclear tests. Debris from a Mogul flight became the official explanation for the Roswell incident. The novel imagines that the name, and the program, never went away.
- **The Kingman, Arizona Crash (1953).** A reported crash recovery in Arizona long discussed in UFO research. In the series, it is the origin of Director Renn's family history.
- **Area 51 and Groom Lake.** The real Nevada test site, including the unmarked JANET flights that carry personnel between Las Vegas and Groom Lake. S-3, the E-Team's cavern base, is a fictional facility placed in the same landscape.
- **The USS Nimitz Encounter (2004).** Navy aviators tracked a white, wingless "Tic Tac" object off the California coast. The Pentagon later released the cockpit video. The novel's Nimitz Intervention builds on that event.
- **The Tiltrotor.** Pandora, the team's aircraft, is based on the Bell Boeing V-22 Osprey and the Bell V-280 Valor, real tiltrotors that fly like airplanes and land like helicopters.
- **Defense Procurement.** The Prometheus storyline draws on a familiar question in defense policy: what happens when the people selling protection also define the threat.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Short Bio (50 Words)

Tim Trott is a Florida-based author of military science fiction and speculative fiction, a licensed FAA Part 107 pilot and FDLE certified UAV instructor, and host of the @AuthorToAuthor interview podcast on YouTube. He also writes nonfiction. *The E-Team: Project Mogul* is the first book in his series about America's most classified alien contact program.

Long Bio

Tim Trott writes fiction where the extraordinary meets the procedural: aliens, hybrids, and hidden programs, told through the people who have to do the work. His E-Team series follows a covert three-person unit managing humanity's secret relationship with extraterrestrial visitors, grounded in real aviation and the documented history of America's UFO programs.

A licensed FAA Part 107 drone pilot and FDLE certified UAV instructor, Tim brings an aviator's attention to the flight sequences that drive his thrillers. He is also the author of the Star Child trilogy, a speculative romance about a young woman whose DNA matches no known human lineage, and two collections of short fiction.

Tim hosts Author to Author, a YouTube podcast of conversations between working writers about craft and the business of publishing. He lives in the Daytona Beach, Florida area. Find him at TimTrottWrites.com.

SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Your series tagline is "The aliens aren't the problem. We are." What does that mean for the story?
2. Project Mogul was a real 1947 program tied to Roswell. Why build your fictional unit on that name?
3. How much of the book is drawn from documented events like the Nimitz Tic Tac encounter?
4. Director Kaela Renn is half human and half something else. How did you approach writing a lead character whose inner life stays mostly off the page?
5. You are a licensed drone instructor. How does your aviation background shape the flight scenes?
6. Why a team of three instead of a large military force?
7. The villain in Book One is a defense contractor, not an alien. Why?
8. You write both military thrillers and speculative romance in the Star Child books. What connects them?
9. What is next for the E-Team after Disclosure?
10. As the host of Author to Author, what have other writers taught you about the indie path?

TALKING POINTS FOR HOSTS AND REVIEWERS

- A military thriller where the central conflict is human, not alien: greed, fear, and institutions built for a world that no longer exists.
- Real history as foundation: Project Mogul, Roswell, Groom Lake, and the Nimitz encounter.
- Technical credibility: tiltrotor operations, terrain-following flight, and chain-of-command procedure written to satisfy readers who know the subject.

- A restrained, capable woman in command, whose power comes from what she chooses not to do.
- Lean, fast pacing in the classic adventure tradition, with no padding.
- An independent author building a multi-book universe with a second series, Star Child, also in release.

ALSO BY TIM TROTT

- ***The E-Team: Project Mogul*** (Book One)
- ***The E-Team: First Contact*** (Book Two, in development)
- ***Star Child*** (single-volume trilogy: Star Child, Eleanor, and A Sense of Justice; release November 27, 2026)
- ***Short Stories* by Tim Trott**
- ***The Psychic Barista: The Brown Bean Coffee Shoppe***

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