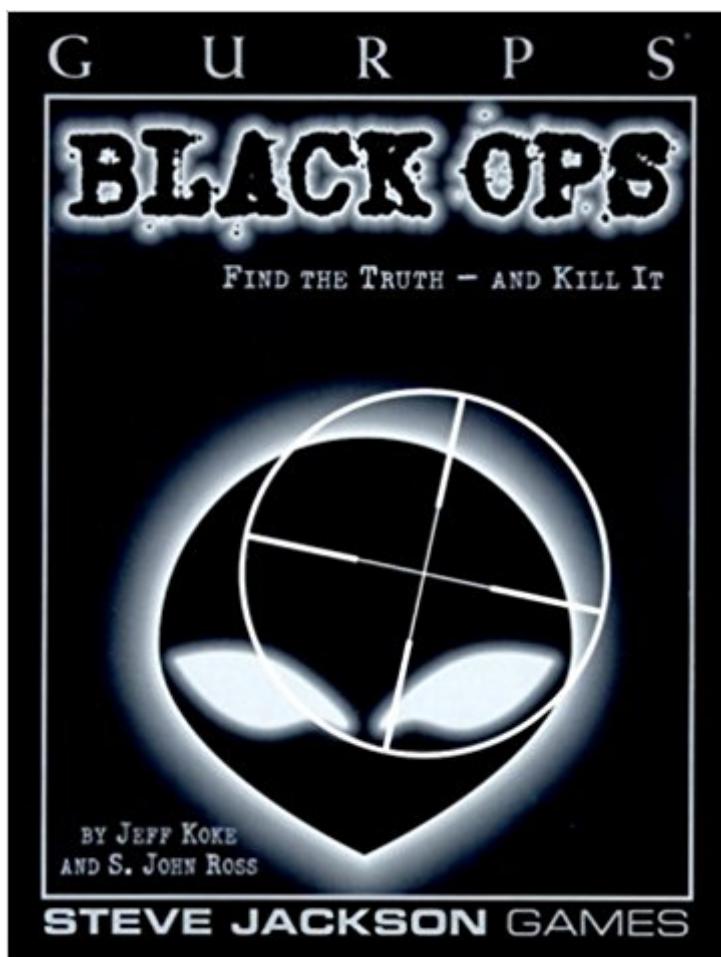


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# **GURPS Black Ops (GURPS: Generic Universal Role Playing System)**



## Synopsis

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Hands down my favorite setting ever. The PCs have a godlike level of power, which means it becomes more about HOW you do something than CAN you. (Of course you can, the Company wouldn't have let you graduate the Academy otherwise.) Nicely tongue-in-cheek, it doesn't get too full of itself as it describes the demons, aliens, and other assorted squiggles that go bump in the night. The setting incorporates psi but not magic... although there's always room for the boys down in Science to find that one out. If nothing else, fun as all hell to read. Get a copy before they're all gone.

This book is a wonderful collection of rules for playing high-powered characters combined with a nightmarish conspiracy theory that makes just a little too much sense for my comfort. Although gamers may not want to play in the world presented by the book (it's HARD playing a character with that many skills and advantages), GM's can dredge the well-constructed world for inspiration in other settings and use the many short-cut rules for keeping their own high-point campaigns running smoothly.

This world book is a combination of diverse elements; it's part Illuminati, part Men in Black, part X-Files, part Call of Cthulhu, and part Paranoia-- all at the 700 point level! The book details The Company that works behind the scenes, and The Conspiracy that keeps it hidden. Players have the opportunity to become operatives working behind the scenes and handling situations that civilians just couldn't deal with. I feel somewhat Illuminated just from reading this book. I'm just itching to start a Black Ops campaign in my group!

My feelings on this title are mixed. It is well written and organized. The idea is interesting (basically an rpg version of the Men in Black movie). It has very limited usefulness in any other type of campaign. The characters are very powerful (700 points). They do not cross well and are sort of hard to handle for a GM. Buy this if you loved Men in Black, but otherwise I would recommend GURPS Illuminati.

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