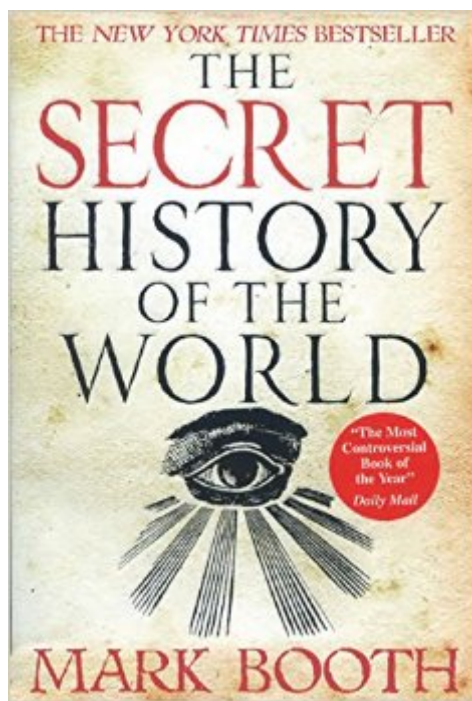


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Customer Reviews

I stumbled upon this book at Barnes and Nobles. It introduced me to ideas I have never heard of before, important ideas such as the mind before matter universe. It also came at spirituality from a historical point of view which I had never experienced before in a book. Maybe there are flaws in Booth's research or disagreements over technical points but overall, I believe he is trying to create a consciousness and curiosity in readers which I believe he succeeds in doing. This is not a book about conspiracy theories as one would think of conspiracy theories. He does not spend a lot of time on the Illuminati etc. This is just an overview of what certain historical people have believed. This theme gets repetitious and I wish the information in the book was presented a little less

jumbled. I feel it was probably published too soon, like if they would have spent more time editing and revising it, the book would have been better. I am giving it four stars based on the book's ability to make me think in a different light and because I appreciate the author's attempt to take on such an encompassing task as recounting the world's history from a completely different point of view.

To understand this book it is necessary a couple of things. First an understanding that this book is not for everybody and that it cannot be understood by everybody. Second, you cannot grasp this book without having yourself immersed in occultism and having been a member of a secret society or western mystery schools (Just type this in google and you will find out that there are many). Third, at the beginning the book Mr. Booth invites you to take part on an IMAGINATIVE exercise. Fourth, in the academic study of religion there are actually two types of histories considered; the secular or academic history, which is based on actual events that happened and can be proven scientifically through archeology; and sacred history, which takes as true and factual the events that are exposed in the sacred books like the Bible (Old and New testament) and the Koran among many others, which normally form the basis of faith, believes and dogmas of the followers. This book presents a third, subjective and related more to the evolution of our consciousness, which have been presented in secret societies or passed down as mysteries or mythology through the ages. I will tell you that this book has nothing to do with conspiracy theories but that some of its contents may be misunderstood as such when in fact certain stories are used to present or represent certain ideas exposed in the western mystery traditions. Please note that western mystery traditions are concerned with direct spiritual experiences of reality and of a supreme being, this books talks about this too. Do not expect techniques or guidance on practices, but do expect hints on where to further research all through the book. As an academic I understand his lack of citations of sources as you would find in scientific research but this book is not an academic book. It is a "further research on your own" carefully compiled book. As you read through the book you will realize that it is deeply immersed in Rudolf Steiner ideas but without being one of the blindly followers of anthroposophy. But it is also seem that Steiner didn't created all of his ideas on his own and that you can find individuals that have exposed similar ideas to his way before his time and if you further research you will find that these also got their ideas from other individuals before their time also. It is this chain of ideas and of direct spiritual experiences that have weaved a thread, subtle, through history which we may seem in mysticism, magick, occultism, and western mystery tradition. This is an excellent book and it will turn into an underground classic, as many really important books do, until society is ready again for its ideas. I hope that this review will help you

make an informed decision. This is not a beginners book, you cannot simply pick it up at the airport and hope you will comprehend it. It takes time and previous knowledge to make it worth your time. For those prepared, enjoy, and happy researching!!

All the reviews which pan this book are right. There are inconsistencies in the text and the book is chock full of ideas with not one footnote. So what? This book attempts to recreate human history from what the author terms an "idealist" perspective. I would prefer to call it an "enlightened" perspective. The world is dreamstuff and human history is part of the dream. The human sense of ego self is a relatively new phenomenon in the progression of the dream. Booth spins Jung, Plato, Jesus, Buddha, Newton, and countless other thinkers into a magical souffle which is generously sprinkled with "Ah-Ha's" too numerous to count. If you are looking for an intellectual history tome with lots of footnotes to ignore, look elsewhere. On the other hand, if you are reasonably well read and want to sit down to play with someone who can make the lego blocks of the mind into some outrageously bold structures, this is the book for you.

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