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The Freemasons Nov 11 2020 \*Includes pictures \*Profiles important people and conspiracy theories \*Includes online resources and a bibliography for further reading For decades, parodies featuring ominous, mysterious cults have been a favorite gag in pop culture. These fraternal brothers are often depicted in some type of underground lair, dressed in extravagant ceremonial robes with their faces hidden in their hoods, seated around a long table brimming with Gothic chalices, skulls, and glittering dark treasure. Flicks on the more morbid side might even show choppy, flashing imagery of blood, torture, and sacrifices. Like all art, creativity is sparked by a source of inspiration, and one of the most widely recognized muses of these kinds of scenes is none other than the Freemasons. This ancient society, descended from the ancient culture of stonemasonry, is said to possess the deepest, darkest, and most inexplicable truths of the universe. They are said to possess mystical powers like no other - maybe even magic. But does this stigma against the brotherhood have any merit, or are they simply just severely misunderstood? As many are aware, Freemasons have been around for many centuries. The Renaissance, which came into full bloom between the 14th and 16th centuries, saw a burst in creativity and advancement in an array of art forms throughout Europe. Stonemason guilds rode the changing tides; no longer did incoming apprentices have to be restricted by trade. A great portion of these new apprentices were artists and free thinkers, but still vowed to adhere to traditional stone-cutter culture. This new breed of masons separated from the orthodox "operative" masonry, and began to foster what became known as "speculative" masonry. Like most legends, the origins of Freemasonry are still disputed to this day. The earliest mention of the society traces back to The Halliwell Manuscript, or Regius Poem, which was supposedly authored sometime between the late 14th to the early 15th centuries. The manuscript, penned in exquisite Middle English and calligraphy, consisted of 64 pages and 794 lines of rhyme. It is considered the first of the time-honored Masonic manuscripts, and is generally accepted as the "truthful" history of the fraternity's beginnings. The poem in question begins with Euclid, a Greek mathematician from the 4th century BCE, remembered today as the "father of geometry." The math whiz was said to have incorporated geometric sciences into a new field he dubbed "masonry." With this new and refined brand of science, he traveled to Egypt, and imparted his wisdom to the children of Egyptian nobles. Whatever the organization's origins, the budding phenomenon would one day transform into the Society of Freemasonry, the bearers of divine secrets like no other, and one of the most fascinating and

controversial brotherhoods in the history of mankind. *The Freemasons: The History of Freemasonry and the World's Most Famous Secret Society* examines the origins and history of the controversial brotherhood, its expansion across the globe, and some of the most mindboggling conspiracy theories that surround the society to this day. Along with pictures depicting important people, places, and events, you will learn about the Masons like never before.

**Secret Societies** Mar 16 2021 Yet again, Gardiner finds himself on a journey across the world to uncover the ancient secrets of the world's most powerful men.

**Secret Societies** Jan 26 2022 This book is an invitation to the secret world behind the veil of daily events. In its pages you will meet the legendary Cagliostro and the Comte de Saint-Germain as they travel through the royal courts and Masonic lodges of eighteenth-century Europe, fomenting Revolution and working to overturn the social order of their day. Alchemists, magicians, Illuminati adepts, mystics, and Freemasons joined forces with politicians, journalists, scientists, writers, philosophers and libertines in a movement that forever altered the cultural landscape of Western civilization. Inaugurating two centuries of revolution and upheaval, the French Revolution of 1789 put an end to the concept of the divine right of kings, led to the formal separation of church and state, destroyed the remnants of medieval feudalism, and heralded the values of the Enlightenment as the triumphant banner under which the modern world would be born. Yet it was accompanied by a level of violence whose ferocity spoke more of an exorcism than a political restructuring. What lessons does the Revolution hold for us today? Do the forces of secret societies and silent conspiracies continue to influence the world? Historian Una Birch's classic account was originally published in 1911. Her proximity to and sympathy with the events offer a unique perspective. Secret society expert James Wasserman has made this work accessible to the modern reader with extensive annotations, a history of the Revolution, an introduction that places the Illuminati in context, and biographical sketches of the main participants. Book jacket.

*The Secret Society of Moses* Jan 14 2021 A radical reexamination of Western history that suggests the descendants of Moses were the architects of the rise of the Roman Church and the ancestors of European aristocracy • Answers the inexplicable disappearance of all mention of Moses's descendants from the Bible • Reveals the key role played by Josephus Flavius in shaping early Christianity • Explains the connection of this secret priesthood to modern secret societies like the Freemasons After the book of Exodus, Moses's two sons and numerous descendants all vanish from the Bible. Flavio Barbiero's investigation of this strange absence and his study of the centuries-long power struggle between the priestly families fighting for control of the Temple of Jerusalem starts with the rebellion against Rome--and the emergence of Josephus Flavius, one of Moses's descendants, on the world stage. In AD 70 when the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by Titus Flavius and thousands of Jewish priests were exterminated, Josephus, now bearing his sponsor's last name, followed Titus Flavius to Rome with at least 250 relatives and friends. Here they were made Roman citizens but then subsequently disappeared from recorded history. Barbiero's careful study of early Christianity shows, however, that these surviving members of Moses's high-priest lineage succeeded in taking control of the nascent Roman Church and masterminded its extraordinary success. Using a wide range of evidence drawn from fields as disparate as archaeology, heraldry, and genetics, Barbiero shows how these descendants of Moses used the cult of Mithras to eventually seize control of the secular Roman authority as well. He then follows, step by step, the spread of the members of this secret priestly elite into what was to become the aristocracy of medieval Europe and how their influence continues to be felt in modern secret societies like Freemasonry.

*The Freemasons in America* Jul 08 2020 Expanding on his bestselling title *Freemasons*, Jeffers explores Freemasonry and its hand in the conception, founding and development of America and the American political system. spanning from Colonial times to the present, *Freemasons in America* picks off where Jeffers left off - covering many of the shared principles and ideals including religious and personal liberty, social and civic responsibility and faith and reliance in a Supreme Being. Also contains an examination of the lives and careers of famous Masons throughout history.

*Freemasons* Aug 21 2021 Jeffers delves into Masonic history to reveal the surprising and controversial truths behind this ancient and secretive order, from its mystery-shrouded origins in medieval Europe through its rise in America, where Benjamin Franklin founded the first lodge.

**Secret Societies: Gardiner's Forbidden Knowledge** Dec 13 2020

*Notorious Secret Societies* Sep 21 2021 Want to learn the secrets of secret societies? Have you or a family member been trapped in a secret society? Are secret societies really dangerous or just a group of like-minded people trying to accomplish something important for the betterment of the world? In this book, *Notorious Secret Societies*, you'll everything you want and need to know! Things aren't always what they seem to be. Looks can be deceiving and just because you don't see something doesn't mean it doesn't exist. Take for example the air we breathe. If seeing is believing, then it means oxygen, as we know it, doesn't exist. But it does exist and the fact that we're alive is living proof of such. Or how about carbon monoxide? It's not something that we can see but many people all over the world are killed by it. Because they don't see it, they

unknowingly breathe it and fall victim to its poisonous power. Secrecy can be a lethal weapon! And so it is with The Worlds' Most Notorious Secret Societies. Their power and ability to do what they want is highly contingent on being able to keep their supposed secret agendas secret. The day they're purported sinister agendas get exposed is the day they fail to achieve their grand agendas. That's why more than ever, it's important to know who these secret societies are and the reason why they're very controversial. In this book, you'll discover secrets from some of the world's most notorious secret societies. The Free and Accepted Masons (Freemasons) The Order of the Illuminati, The Knights Templar The Bilderberg Group The Order of the Skulls and Bones The Society of Jesus (Jesuits) The Church of Scientology

Secret Societies Jun 06 2020 A comprehensive, behind-the-scenes look at the world's most notorious secret societies, including their origins and histories, initiations and rituals, secret signs and members. Offering an illuminating and entertaining exploration of the stories-confirmed and fabricated-that surround these societies, Reynolds dispels myths and provides gripping revelations. No fewer than sixteen presidents have declared their affiliation to the Freemasons; Madonna, Demi Moore, and Elizabeth Taylor are just a few celebrity members of Kabbalah; and there is a direct historical link between the Assassins of the Middle Ages and today's Al Qaeda. Based on extensive research that emphasizes fact over speculation, Reynold's gives a smart, surprising look at the best known and often least understood covert organizations.

**The Secret Societies of All Ages & Countries - Volume 2** May 18 2021 Ireland, helpless against misery and superstition, misled by hatred against her conquerors, the rulers of England, formed sects to fight not so much the evil, as the supposed authors of the evil. -from "Irish Societies" From the modern intrigue of conspiracy theories to the immense popularity of The Da Vinci Code, the fascination with secret societies-and their arcane knowledge and power-has never been so rampant. This monumental, encyclopedic work details the initiations and ceremonies, the codes and customs of mysterious organizations from ancient times to the modern world. First published in 1875 and completely revised and updated in 1897, this remains the definitive, authoritative guide to secret societies... and to the spiritual evolution of humanity they represent. Volume II features: .an in-depth exploration of Freemasonry, from its origins and traditions to its influence in the histories of England, Scotland, France, and Italy .political secret societies, including anarchists, Napoleonic organizations, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians .minor groups such as the Cambridge Secret Society, Phi-Beta-Kappa, and Society of the Turf. Also available from Cosimo Classics: *The Secret Societies of All Ages & Countries: Vol. 1*. British historian and author CHARLES WILLIAM HECKETHORN (c. 1826-1902) was born in Switzerland but emigrated to England as a child. Among his writings are a novel, a book of verse, translations of Scandinavian folklore, and the travelogues *Italian Lights and Shadows*, *London Souvenirs*, and *London Memories*.

*The Illuminati* Aug 28 2019 WikiLeaks and Anonymous are driven by the same ideals and aims as the Illuminati were 250 years ago, and the next counter culture revolution has already begun online. Throughout history governments, dictators and religious leaders have fought to cling to power by either force or manipulation. To counter these there have always been secret societies and groups working in the shadows for the emancipation of humanity. The Illuminati formed in 1776 among European Freemasons and academics with the intention of liberating humanity from physical, mental and spiritual bondage. This brought them into conflict with the ruling elite and religion, but during their brief incarnation they encapsulated the entire ethos of counter-culture into a single system of organized dissent that is still relevant today. The term Illuminati has since become usurped by the idea of a New World Order, but their principles live on through counter-culture and the connected communities of the internet age. Hacktivits and cultural movements like Anonymous and WikiLeaks currently wage war against corrupt corporations and government agencies that try to oppress and exploit society. This book is a wake up call for all who value their liberty and privacy to join the battle to protect counter-culture before it is too late.

Secret Societies Jun 18 2021 With his recent best-selling books and hundreds of articles, as well as radio and TV appearances, Philip Gardiner has started a crusade for uncovering the truth, and nothing could be more indicative of that search than his latest foray into the dark and often sinister world of secret societies. Yet again, Gardiner finds himself on a journey across the world to uncover the ancient secrets of the world's most powerful men. In one dramatic episode he finds himself driven out of Berlin in a black Mercedes by a secret organization that was believed to have disappeared after the second World War and eventually arrives in a modern Nazi watering hole. Gardiner, however, survives this incredible journey and brings us the secrets of the Order held sacred for so long. Gardiner delves into a world that is often hidden from our eyes and finds himself in situations that seem to mirror the fictional world of the Da Vinci Code. Throughout *Secret Societies*, Gardiner: —Uncovers an ancient secret society thought to have died out many years ago. —Gets to the core of the secret societies' belief systems. —Explores the secret origins of Freemasonry and the links to secret Serpent Cults. —Investigates the secret hidden meaning of King Arthur and Robin Hood. —Examines the claimants to the name of Illuminati, and analyzes the history of the group in Europe and America. —Reveals the secret links within the Vatican and the Nazi Party. —Looks in-depth at the white-powdered gold theory supposedly kept secret by orders throughout time and radically re-appraises it. —Shows the link between the so-called enlightenment experience and the control of our

minds. Nobody in the genre involves themselves in the tale in the same way that Gardiner does, and here he shows that the search for ultimate truth can often be a terrifying one.

**Cults, Conspiracies, and Secret Societies** Oct 23 2021 Did you know? • Freemasonry's first American lodge included a young Benjamin Franklin among its members. • The Knights Templar began as impoverished warrior monks then evolved into bankers. • Groom Lake, Dreamland, Homey Airport, Paradise Ranch, The Farm, Watertown Strip, Red Square, "The Box," are all names for Area 51. An indispensable guide, *Cults, Conspiracies, and Secret Societies* connects the dots and sets the record straight on a host of greedy gurus and murderous messiahs, crepuscular cabals and suspicious coincidences. Some topics are familiar—the Kennedy assassinations, the Bilderberg Group, the Illuminati, the People's Temple and Heaven's Gate—and some surprising, like Oulipo, a select group of intellectuals who created wild formulas for creating literary masterpieces, and the Chauffeurs, an eighteenth-century society of French home invaders, who set fire to their victims' feet.

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Secret Societies May 30 2022 "For as long as there has been power, men and women have gathered in secret to wield influence over politics, society, economic systems, and world affairs. The names are cloaked in mystery, menace, even fear. The Knights Templar, the Illuminati, the Freemasons, the Ku Klux Klan. What are their rituals and their purpose? What influence do they wield? Are we safe?"--Back cover.

The World's Most Dangerous Secret Societies the Illuminati, Freemasons, Bilderberg Group, Knights Templar, the Jesuits, Skull and Bones and Others Aug 01 2022 To some the name "secret society" conjures up an image of a shadowy and elite cabal meeting behind smoke-filled rooms, discussing tactics of world domination and manipulation straight out of the most far-fetched espionage thriller. To others, the image of secluded men (and occasionally women!) banding together in exotic garb to perform colorful ceremonies and impart hidden knowledge and fancy but incomprehensible titles upon one another springs to mind. But just how far-fetched and fanciful is the prospect of a secret society? Could it be that there walks among us, in any given echelon of the population, groups given to exercise inordinate amounts of power and influence over the rest of us? Could these exotic members-only clubs really pose such an immediate threat to our well-being that our very way of life is endangered? Well, quite frankly the disturbing answer to those particular questions are yes and yes. Right in our midst there absolutely exists clandestine organizations consisting of both men and women who wield a dangerous amount of influence and power over the entire world populace. In his book entitled "The World's Most Dangerous Secret Societies" author James Jackson explores these dangerous secret organizations and its members; their beliefs, hidden agenda and their ultimate goal of a New World Order and world domination. Here are a few of some of the dangerous secret societies that will be thoroughly examined. • The Freemasons • The Illuminati • Skull And Bones • The Bilderberg Group • Council on Foreign Relations • The Trilateral Commission • The Society of Jesuits • The Committee of 300 • The Knights Templar And Much Much More.....

*The Bavarian Illuminati* Feb 12 2021 • Details the rise and fall of this famous and infamous Order, including its penetration of Bavarian society and its destruction by the Bavarian government • Explains the Bavarian Illuminati's grades, rituals, ceremonies, and fundamental philosophies and examines the leaders of the Order • Contains the only surviving record of documents that were destroyed during the two World Wars The most celebrated secret society in the world, the original Order of the Illuminati was founded by Bavarian professor Adam Weishaupt in 1776. Although the Order was banned and brought down by the Bavarian Elector when he became aware of the extent to which it had infiltrated the courts, schools, and his own administration. Charting the rise and fall of this infamous Order, this book first published in French in 1915 and never before available in English remains the definitive history of the order of the Bavarian Illuminati and their founder, Adam Weishaupt. Many of the documents the author consulted for the writing of this book were destroyed during the two World Wars, making this book the only surviving record of many of the order's secrets. It is also significant for its history of contemporary Masonic Orders such as the Templar Strict Observance and Von Hund's Templar Freemasonry. The author explains the Bavarian Illuminati's grades, rituals, and ceremonies as well as its fundamental philosophies. He examines the leaders of the Order, including Weishaupt,

Baron Knigge, and Xavier von Zwack. He reveals how Weishaupt early on decided to subvert the existing German Freemason Lodge as a shortcut to gain esoteric hegemony over the occult world, all in order to extend Illuminati influence into the society at large and the government. The author also provides extensive detail of the Order's eventual destruction by the Bavarian government. In addition to its revelation of little known secrets of the Illuminati Order, the author also sheds new light on much of the occult life of this time, including the activities of figures such as Cagliostro and Mirabeau and other active groups such as Freemason chapters, the Rosicrucians, and the Martinists.

**The Freemasons** Aug 09 2020 Provides an in-depth history of freemasonry, exploring the inner workings of the powerful secret society, refuting many of the myths about the order, and shedding new light on the contributions of the freemasons to world history.

*Freemasonry, Secret Societies, and the Continuity of the Occult Traditions in English Literature* Oct 30 2019

*THE TRUTH ABOUT FREEMASONS, ILLUMINATI, AND NEW WORLD ORDER* May 06 2020 ""Two Books In One"" The New World Order's Letter to Every Citizen of the World warning Resistance is Futile. According to this letter addressed to everybody in America, it's useless to resist a one world takeover, as the program is in its final stages. The Very word secrecy is repugnant in a free and open society, and we are as people inherently and historically opposed to secret societies, to secret oaths and to secret proceedings. We decided long ago that the dangers of excessive and unwarranted concealment of pertinent facts far outweighed the dangers which are cited to justify. ""If you have the privilege to know, you have the duty to act""

Inside Secret Societies Jun 26 2019 For centuries, humans have had a fascination with secret societies. Some societies that are hundreds of years old - like the Illuminati and the Freemasons - are still relevant today. Or, at least, they are thought to be. But why? After all this time, why do people still care about things like that? Whatever it is, Inside Secret Societies gets to the bottom of it. We're taking the oath to reveal some of the more secretive of the secret societies, as well as some of the less secretive ones. Packed with plenty of minutiae and little known facts, this will be popular addition to those into manifestos.

**The Brotherhood of Freemason Sisters** Feb 01 2020 This “stupendous ethnography of female Freemasonry in Italy” reveals the fascinating paradox of elitism and exclusion experienced by “female brothers” (Michael Herzfeld, author of Evicted from Eternity). From its cryptic images on the dollar bill to Dan Brown’s The Lost Symbol, the Freemasons have long been one of the most romanticized secret societies in the world. But a simple fact escapes most depictions of this elite brotherhood: there are also female members. In this groundbreaking ethnography, Lilith Mahmud takes readers inside Masonic lodges of contemporary Italy, where she observes the ritualistic and fraternal bonds forged among Freemason women. Offering a tantalizing look behind lodge doors, The Brotherhood of Freemason Sisters unveils a complex culture of discretion in which Freemasons reveal some truths and hide others. Female initiates—one of Freemasonry’s best-kept secrets—are often upper class and highly educated, yet avowedly antifeminist. Their self-cultivation through the Masonic path is an effort to embrace the deeply gendered ideals of fraternity. In this lively investigation, Mahmud unravels the contradictions at the heart of Freemasonry: an organization responsible for many of the egalitarian concepts of the Enlightenment and yet one that has always been, and in Italy still remains, extremely exclusive. The result is not only a thrilling look at a surprisingly influential world, but a reevaluation of the modern values we now take for granted

*Conspiracy Theories and Secret Societies For Dummies* Mar 28 2022 Entering the world of conspiracy theories and secret societies is like stepping into a distant, parallel universe where the laws of physics have completely changed: black means white, up is down, and if you want to understand what’s really going on, you need a good reference book. That’s where Conspiracy Theories & Secret Societies For Dummies comes in. Whether you’re a skeptic or a true believer, this fascinating guide, packed with the latest information, walks you through some of the most infamous conspiracy theories — such as Area 51 and the assassination of JFK — and introduces you to such mysterious organizations as the Freemasons, the Ninjas, the Mafia, and Rosicrucians. This behind-the-curtain guide helps you separate fact from fiction and helps you the global impact of these mysterious events and groups on our modern world. Discover how to: Test a conspiracy theory Spot a sinister secret society Assess the Internet’s role in fueling conspiracy theories Explore world domination schemes Evaluate 9/11 conspiracy theories Figure out who “they” are Grasp the model on which conspiracy theories are built Figure out whether what “everybody knows” is true Distinguish on assassination brotherhood from another Understand why there’s no such thing as a “lone assassin” Why do hot dogs come in packages of ten, while buns come in eight-packs? Everybody knows its a conspiracy, right? Find out in Conspiracy Theories & Secret Societies For Dummies.

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the order, and shedding new light on the contributions of the freemasons to world history.

101 Secrets of the Freemasons Dec 25 2021 From the illustrious George Washington and the infamous J. Edgar Hoover to brilliant imaginer Walt Disney and bad boy of baseball Ty Cobb, Freemasons have influenced every aspect of American life. Yet this secret society remains as controversial and mysterious as ever. In this book, you'll learn the truth about: The power and meaning behind the symbols, rites, and rituals Alleged connections with Jack the Ripper, the KKK, and the Holy Grail Freemasons vs. the Nazis The centuries-long rivalry with the Catholic Church Freemasonry's growing influence here and abroad As the largest - and oldest - fraternal organization, the Freemasons will continue to shape the world we live in for the foreseeable future. With this tell-all guide, you'll unravel the mystery of this intriguing society - one secret at a time!

Secret Societies: Gardiner's Forbidden Knowledge Sep 29 2019

Freemasonry Jun 30 2022 An exploration of Freemasonry and its history, philosophy, symbols and practices.

**The Etiquette of Freemasonry** Oct 11 2020 First written in 1890, The Etiquette of Freemasonry is a timeless window into the mysterious traditions and practices of one of history's most intriguing secret societies. This straightforward guide blends instruction with philosophical reasoning to capture the true spirit of the Freemason brethren. Readers will get the chance to walk in the footsteps of the Freemasons and finally peek behind the veil of mystery. Discover such hidden mysteries as: the meaning of the "Jewels of the Lodge," how ancient ceremonial rites are conducted, and the details of rituals of ascension required to become a First-, Second-, and Third-degree Mason. A vital resource for historians, students, Freemasons, and anyone who has ever been interested in modern cults, The Etiquette of Freemasonry answers the question, "What does it mean to be a Free and Accepted Mason?"

**Living the Enlightenment** Apr 04 2020 Long recognized as more than the writings of a dozen or so philosophes, the Enlightenment created a new secular culture populated by the literate and the affluent. Enamoured of British institutions, Continental Europeans turned to the imported masonic lodges and found in them a new forum that was constitutionally constructed and logically egalitarian. Originating in the Middle Ages, when stone-masons joined together to preserve their professional secrets and to protect their wages, the English and Scottish lodges had by the eighteenth century discarded their guild origins and become an international phenomenon that gave men and eventually some women a place to vote, speak, discuss and debate. Margaret Jacob argues that the hundreds of masonic lodges founded in eighteenth-century Europe were among the most important enclaves in which modern civil society was formed. In France, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Britain men and women freemasons sought to create a moral and social order based upon reason and virtue, and dedicated to the principles of liberty and equality. A forum where philosophers met with men of commerce, government, and the professions, the masonic lodge created new forms of self-government in microcosm, complete with constitutions and laws, elections, and representatives. This is the first comprehensive history of Enlightenment freemasonry, from the roots of the society's political philosophy and evolution in seventeenth-century England and Scotland to the French Revolution. Based on never-before-used archival sources, it will appeal to anyone interested in the birth of modernity in Europe or in the cultural milieu of the European Enlightenment.

**The Freemasons In America:** Apr 16 2021 What Is Their Secret And What Are They Hiding? Step inside the secret world of the Masons and discover: How such pivotal American documents as the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights reflect Masonic principles and influence. How Freemasons became the world's oldest and largest fraternal organization. If Freemasons rule the world--or want to. Why Masonic symbolism appears on American currency. Why the opposition groups, from conspiracists to the Catholic Church, fear Freemasons. Why Texas has been called "the Masonic Republic." How to recognize Masonic rings, pins, and other symbols. From George Washington to Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code, the Freemasons have influenced the United States in many surprising ways. With nearly half the world's six million Freemasons--some twenty-five U.S. presidents and thirty-five Supreme Court justices among them--America has felt the group's impact more deeply and broadly than any other country. Using historical anecdotes and incisive analysis, this timely and insightful portrait separates the myths surrounding Freemasonry from the facts, offering a unique insider's view into what American Freemasonry was, is, and will be tomorrow. H. Paul Jeffers has published more than 50 works of fiction and nonfiction, including Freemasons: Inside the World's Oldest Secret Society, biographies of presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Grover Cleveland, New York mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, Diamond Jim Brady, and others. He lives in Manhattan.

The Sociology of Secrecy and of Secret Societies Mar 04 2020 "That we shall know with whom we have to do, is the first precondition of having anything to do with another. The customary reciprocal presentation, in the case of any somewhat protracted conversation, or in the case of contact upon the same social plane, although at first

sight an empty form, is an excellent symbol of that reciprocal apprehension which is the presumption of every social relationship."

**Founding Fathers, Secret Societies** Feb 24 2022 An exploration of the influence of secret societies on the formative documents and symbols of the United States • Reveals the Founding Fathers' spiritual vision for America as encoded in the Great Seal • Traces the influence of the Iroquois League of Nations upon the Constitution • Exposes the deep connections the Founding Fathers had with the Freemasons and other secret societies All children growing up in America learn who the Founding Fathers were. Most, however, never learn of the founders' connections to the Freemasons, the Rosicrucians, and other esoteric orders. In *Founding Fathers, Secret Societies* Robert Hieronimus investigates these important connections and how their influence can be traced throughout our most significant national documents and symbols, especially the Great Seal. He reveals in detail how the reverse of the Great Seal--which appears on the back of the one-dollar bill--is a blueprint that conveys the secret destiny of America. By understanding the kabbalistic meaning of the Great Seal's reverse, he shows how our current era presents unique opportunities for the fulfillment of our Founding Fathers' spiritual vision.

**Ancient Mysteries and Secret Societies: Foundations of Freemasonry Series** Jan 02 2020 Esoteric scholar Manly P. Hall covers a lot of areas relating to the ancient mysteries, including common roots in religious and ritual life, the practices of the Druids and how they relate to Masonry, the rites of Mithras, Simon Magus and the Gnostics, Abraxas, the Egyptian Serapis, the Odinic Mysteries and how they compare, the Rites of Eleusis, the Orphic Mysteries, Bacchus, Dionysos, and much more.

**Secret Societies** Nov 04 2022 Reynolds takes readers on a behind-the-scenes tour of the world's most notorious secret societies, including their origins and histories, initiations and rituals, secret signals, and members.

Memoirs, Illustrating the History of Jacobinism Dec 01 2019

Shadow People Sep 09 2020 Roving from the parched wadis of the Middle East, to an isolated farmhouse in rural Quebec, to the crowded boutiques of Beverly Hills, master storyteller and award-winning writer John Lawrence Reynolds explores the most notorious secret societies in history, probing their origins and activities, and revealing secrets maintained and distorted over hundred of years. Reynolds peels away the layers of speculation, paranoia and fear, and shines a brilliant light on individuals and organizations that have generated suspicion and terror over several centuries. He treats the reader to a behind-the-scenes look at rituals and initiations, artifacts and secret signs, influences and dangers. And in the telling, he uncovers a rogue's gallery of assassins, con artists, thieves, racists, drug smugglers, adulterers, pranksters and crooks. But where does the truth lie? Does global power actually control the election of world leaders? Has an ancient mystical religion really been reduced to a length of red string selling for a dollar an inch? Are some secret societies little more than a group of boys playing at secret handshakes? From the Assassins to the Yakuza, from Freemasons to Bonesmen, shadow people and their secrets have flourished throughout history. Some fear them, some dismiss them, but everyone is fascinated by them. Secret societies fuel our imagination, and their shadows continue to fall across our daily lives.

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