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Jack and Rochelle Jack Sutin 2015-07-14 The memoir of a man and woman who escaped into the forest, joined the Jewish partisans—and fell in love—as Hitler laid waste to their Polish hometowns. Jack and Rochelle first met at a youth dance in Poland before the war. They shared one dance, and Jack stepped on Rochelle's shoes. She was unimpressed. When the Nazis invaded eastern Poland in 1941, both Jack (in the town of Mir) and Rochelle (in the town of Stolpce) witnessed the horrors of ghettoization, forced labor, and mass killings that decimated their families. Jack and Rochelle managed, in their separate ways, to escape into the forest. They reunited, against all odds, in the winter of 1942–43 and became Jewish partisans who fought back against the Nazis. The couple's careful courtship soon blossomed into an enduring love that sustained them through the raging hatred of the Holocaust and the destruction of the lives they had known. Jack and Rochelle's story, told in their own voices through extensive interviews with their son, Lawrence, has been in print for twenty years and is celebrated as a classic of Holocaust memoir literature. This is the first electronic edition. "A story of heroism and of touching romance in a time of fear and danger." —USA Today
The Sixties Edmund Wilson 2019-11-12 The last of Edmund Wilson's posthumously published journals turned out to be one of his major books, *The Sixties: The Last Journal, 1960–1972*--a personal history that is also brilliant social comedy and an anatomy of the times. Wilson catches the flavor of an international elite -- Stravinsky, Auden, Andre Malraux, and Isaiah Berlin -- as well as the New York literati and the Kennedy White House, but he never strays too far from the common life, whether noting the routines of his normal neighbors or the struggle of his own aging. "Candor and intelligence come through on every page--in this always absorbing journal by perhaps the last great man of American letters." - Kirkus Reviews

Secret Agent 666 Richard B. Spence 2008 Aleister Crowley is best known today as a founding father of modern occultism and his influence can be found everywhere in popular culture. Crowley, also known as the Great Beast, has been the subject of several biographies, some painting him as a misunderstood genius, others as a manipulative charlatan. None of them have looked seriously at his career as an agent of British Intelligence. Using documents gleaned from British, American, French and Italian archives, *Secret Agent 666* sensationally reveals Crowley's role in many government plots.

The Two Novels of Aleister Crowley Aleister Crowley 2018 Aleister Crowley is best known for his work in the occult, his writings on Magick, and creating the religion of Thelema. He was a giant of his time with many talents and, some argue, many flaws as well. Of all his gifts, his writing was the vehicle that drove his genius. His *Book of the Law* and other mystical works are widely read by students of occult philosophy. Few, however, are familiar with his more artistic endeavors, including his two literary novels: *Diary of a Drug Fiend* & *Moonchild*. For whatever reason, stories help readers integrate and understand larger themes and ideas present in the narrative. Perhaps that is why people look to allegories like Cain and Abel when trying to understand the nature of murder, or recite *The Boy Who Cried Wolf* when teaching their children not to lie. The truths appearing in fiction take no intellectual effort to grasp; they work subtly on the reader's mind in a way that is easier to digest than the cold, hard philosopher's stone. The great religions of the world understand this. Crowley took note as well. His two novels carry the message of Thelema. The characters and themes in the books were imagined and created to dramatize and illustrate its practice. The reader sees Thelema in action and learns of Crowley's broader beliefs and philosophy as the drama unfolds. "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law; Love is the law, love under will." A short phrase with monumental import. In *Diary of a Drug Fiend*, Crowley shows its power to bring two hopeless addicts out of a pit of hell. In *Moonchild*, he demonstrates the fate of those who would misinterpret its meaning and be seduced by the temptations of Black Magick. Whether intended or not, *The Two Novels of Aleister Crowley* provide a more compelling case for his beliefs than his other works ever could.

The Book of Lies Aleister Crowley 2018-01-23 Aleister Crowley's *The Book of Lies* is an important and complex work of occultism. Deciphering its many layers of hidden meaning requires a little patience and more than a beginner's knowledge of Thelema. For those interested in passing beyond the initiate stage, the reward offered by a deeper understanding of this challenging text is well worth the effort. This new 2018 edition of *The Book of Lies* from Kismet Publishing restores all of Crowley's original text, including the important keys, sigils and diagrams often omitted from reprints.

Aleister Crowley and the Temptation of Politics Marco Pasi 2014-09-11 Aleister Crowley (1875-1947) is one of the most famous and significant authors in the history of western esotericism. Crowley has been long ignored by scholars of religion whilst the stories of magical and sexual practice which circulate about him continue to attract popular interest. "Aleister Crowley and the Temptation of Politics" looks at the man behind the myth - by setting him firmly within the politics of his time - and the development of his ideas through his extensive and extraordinarily varied writings. Crowley was a rationalist, sympathetic to the values of the Enlightenment, but also a romantic and a reactionary. His search for an alternative way to express his religious feelings led him to elaborate his own vision of social and political change. Crowley's complex politics led to his involvement with many key individuals, organisations and groups of his day - the secret service of various countries, the German Nazi party, Russian political activists, journalists and politicians of various persuasions, as well as other writers - both in Europe and America. "Aleister Crowley and the Temptation of Politics" presents a life of ideas, an examination of a man shaped by and shaping the politics of his times.

Get the Guy Matthew Hussey 2013-04-09 Most dating books tell you what NOT to do. Here's a book dedicated to telling you what you CAN do. In his book, *Get the Guy*, Matthew Hussey--relationship expert, matchmaker, and star of the reality show *Ready for Love*--reveals the secrets of the male mind and the fundamentals of dating and mating for a proven, revolutionary approach to help women to find lasting love. Matthew Hussey has coached thousands of high-powered CEOs, showing them how to develop confidence and build relationships that translate into professional success. Many of Matthew's male clients pressed him for advice on how to apply his winning strategies not to just get the job, but how to get the girl. As his reputation grew, Hussey was approached by more and more women, eager to hear what he had learned about the male perspective on love and romance. From landing a first date to establishing emotional intimacy, playful flirtation to red-hot bedroom tips, Matthew's insightfulness, irreverence, and warmth makes *Get the Guy: Learn Secrets of the Male Mind to Find the Man You Want and the Love You Deserve* a

one-of-a-kind relationship guide and the handbook for every woman who wants to get the guy she's been waiting for.

The Book of Thoth (Egyptian Tarot) Aleister Crowley 2019-03-09 This book describes the philosophy and the use of Aleister Crowley's Thoth Tarot, a deck of Tarot cards designed by Crowley and co-designed and painted by Lady Frieda Harris. The Thoth Tarot has become one of the best-selling and most popular Tarot Decks in the world. It is also one of the most original interpretations of the tarot, incorporating astrological, numerological, Egyptian, and Qabalistic symbolism. While there are many other useful guides to this famous tarot deck, there are no others that explain the deck in its designer's own words. The book is divided into four major parts: * Part One: The Theory Of The Tarot. * Part Two: The Atu (Keys or Trumps). * Part Three: The Court Cards. * Part Four: The Small Cards. Part One is further divided into three chapters; Part Two into two chapters and an appendix; Part Three into one chapter; and Part Four into one chapter. The book includes a list of plates depicting the Tarot cards as seen by Crowley and Harris.

Do What Thou Wilt Lawrence Sutin 2002-01-16 Chronicles the notorious life of the self-styled poet and sorcerer Aleister Crowley, looks at his experiences as a magician, mountaineer, and artist, and places him in the context of his times. **The Witch's Guide to Life** Kala Trobe 2003 Pre-Pub Discount! Earn an extra 5% discount on orders before 5-1-03 (minimum 4 copies)

The Confessions of Aleister Crowley Aleister Crowley 2022-06-20 One of the most famous books on the occult ever written: a record of Crowley's journey into strange regions of consciousness: his initiation into magick, his experiments in the occult, and the philosophy of his famous "Book of the Law".

Magick Without Tears Aleister Crowley 2014-03-07 The book consists of 80 letters to various students of magick. Originally to be titled *Aleister Explains Everything*, the letters offer his insights into both magick and Thelema--Crowley's religious and ethical system--with a clarity and wit often absent in his earlier writings. The individual topics are widely varied, addressing the orders O.T.O. and AA, Qabalah, Thelemic morality, Yoga, astrology, various magical techniques, religion, death, spiritual visions, the Holy Guardian Angel, and other issues such as marriage, property, certainty, and meanness. The book is considered by many as perhaps Crowley's most notable contribution to the occult studies, defining magick for the 20th century.

Crowley Bruce Dickinson 2009-01-01 In 1918, Aleister Crowley announced that he was leaving New York to go on a 'Magical Retirement'. With his last cent he bought fifty gallons of paint, a large rope and a ticket on a boat going up the Hudson to Oesopus Island. What are you going to eat? asked his friends as he embarked. My children replied Crowley in his most pontifical manner. Oesopus Island has dangerous cliffs on both sides and passengers of passing river-boats were amazed to find, written on the cliffs in red letters ten foot tall: DO WHAT THOU WILT SHALL BE THE LAW Above on the cliffs in meditation sat the tiny figure of Aleister Crowley. His head was shaved except for one forelock which was kept in honour of the phallus. During these meditations he acquired a magical memory to recall his previous lives. The earliest in time was Ko Hsuen, a Chinese sage who had been a disciple of Lao Tse, the great figure of Taoism. Immediately before his present life he had been the French magician Eliphas Levi. On the day of his return to New York, thinner and with a sun tan, he was treated by a friend to lunch at the Plaza Grill. He had whitebait, steak tartare and cream cake, followed by a cigar and Napoleon Brandy. He ate the meal in the secure knowledge that after his death he would return again! Now a CONTROVERSIAL motion picture

Abrahamadabra Rodney Orpheus 2005-07-01 "Magick is a subtle and curious thing and often works in ways you do not expect and at times you do not expect- but it always works. Every magical act brings a result, as you are about to learn." - Rodney Orpheus, from the Introduction "Abrahamadabra is about the practice of the magick of Thelema- a system of physical, mental, and spiritual training and discipline based on two fundamental principles: "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law" and "Love is the law, love under will." -Lon Milo DuQuette
The Twenties Edmund Wilson 2019-11-12 In these pages, *The Twenties: From Notebooks and Diaries of the Period*, the preeminent literary critic Edmund Wilson gives us perhaps the largest authentic document of the time, the dazzling observations of one of the principal actors in the American twenties. Here is the raw side of the U.S.A., the mad side of Hollywood, the literary infighting in New York, the gossip and anecdotes of an astonishing cast of characters, the jokes, the profundities, the inanities. Here is the slim young man in Greenwich Village sallying forth to parties in matching ties and socks. Here is F. Scott Fitzgerald, Edna St. Vincent Millay, John Peale Bishop, H.L. Mencken, Dorothy Parker, e.e. cummings, John Dos Passos and Eugene O'Neill.

The Unknown God Martin P. Starr 2003-11-01 The first documentary study of Aleister Crowley's contemporary followers in North America, told through the life of their de facto leader, Wilfred Talbot Smith (1885-1957). Smith ('Frater 132'), the unacknowledged offspring of a prominent English family, emigrated to Canada where he encountered Charles Stansfeld Jones ('Frater Achad'), and through him, the works of Aleister Crowley ('Baphomet' and 'Therion'). Although Crowley and Smith met only once, their twenty year correspondence proved to be a major link to the few and the faithful attracted to Crowley's work in the USA and Canada. THE UNKNOWN GOD is a fascinating and complex human story, intimately interwoven with the lives of most of Crowley's American disciples including C F Russell, Jane Wolfe, Max R Schneider, Jack Parsons, Louis T Culling, Frederic Mellinger and Grady L McMurtry as well as occult teachers like H Spencer Lewis (AMORC), Paul Foster Case (BOTA), and Wayne Walker (OM), Hollywood actors such as John Carradine and even the founder of the Mattachine Society, Harry Hay. Students of 19th and 20th century esoteric movements, including the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn, the Theosophical Society and the Crowleyan Orders, will find THE UNKNOWN GOD worth reading.

Ron Paul's rEVOLution Brian Doherty 2012-05-15 Presidential candidate and longtime representative Ron Paul of Texas is a true enigma in American politics: at once a libertarian who believes in outlawing abortion and halting illegal immigration, and a traditional conservative who fervently opposes the drug war, the PATRIOT Act, and America's interventions in the Middle East. In Ron Paul's rEVOLution, Brian Doherty, a senior editor at Reason magazine and Reason.com, documents the meteoric rise of Paul from relative obscurity to national prominence, and examines the fanatically devoted political movement that has arisen around him. Based on original reporting, Ron Paul's rEVOLution is a remarkable portrait of an extraordinary man who has become a hero to a rising generation of cross-partisan young activists.

The Best of the Equinox, Sex Magick Aleister Crowley 2013-11-01 Selections from writings of Aleister Crowley on sex magick as published famed magical journal the

Equinox. The Equinox, in print from 1909-1919, was a magical journal published by Aleister Crowley and included Crowley's own A...A... laws, rituals and rites, reviews, and magical works by other important practitioners. Much of this material was collected by Israel Regardie and published in the massive *Gems from the Equinox* (1974). Now, renowned scholar and U.S. Deputy Grandmaster General of the O.T.O. Lon Milo DuQuette presents readers with his own selections from this classic publication, *The Best of the Equinox*. Volume III of the series presents perhaps the most controversial of esoteric subjects, sex magick. Once Aleister Crowley grasped the fundamentals of sexual magick, he came to understand it to be the key that unlocks the secrets of the universe. He dedicated the entire second half of his life to exploring its mysteries. This volume presents the bulk of Crowley's written works on the subject and includes "The Gnostic Mass," "Energized Enthusiasm," "Liber A'ash," "Liber Chath," and "Liber Stellae Rubeae."

Aleister Crowley Gary Lachman 2014-05-15 This definitive work on the occult's "great beast" traces the arc of his controversial life and influence on rock-and-roll giants, from the Rolling Stones to Led Zeppelin to Black Sabbath. When Aleister Crowley died in 1947, he was not an obvious contender for the most enduring pop-culture figure of the next century. But twenty years later, Crowley's name and image were everywhere. The Beatles put him on the cover of Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band. The Rolling Stones were briefly serious devotees. Today, his visage hangs in goth clubs, occult temples, and college dorm rooms, and his methods of ceremonial magick animate the passions of myriad occultists and spiritual seekers. Aleister Crowley is more than just a biography of this compelling, controversial, and divisive figure—it's also a portrait of his unparalleled influence on modern pop culture.

The Smitten Kitchen Cookbook Deb Perelman 2012-10-30 NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER • Celebrated food blogger and best-selling cookbook author Deb Perelman knows just the thing for a Tuesday night, or your most special occasion—from salads and slaws that make perfect side dishes (or a full meal) to savory tarts and galettes; from Mushroom Bourguignon to Chocolate Hazelnut Crepe. "Innovative, creative, and effortlessly funny." —Cooking Light Deb Perelman loves to cook. She isn't a chef or a restaurant owner—she's never even waitressed. Cooking in her tiny Manhattan kitchen was, at least at first, for special occasions—and, too often, an unnecessarily daunting venture. Deb found herself overwhelmed by the number of recipes available to her. Have you ever searched for the perfect birthday cake on Google? You'll get more than three million results. Where do you start? What if you pick a recipe that's downright bad? With the same warmth, candor, and can-do spirit her award-winning blog, *Smitten Kitchen*, is known for, here Deb presents more than 100 recipes—almost entirely new, plus a few favorites from the site—that guarantee delicious results every time. Gorgeously illustrated with hundreds of her beautiful color photographs, *The Smitten Kitchen Cookbook* is all about approachable, uncompromised home cooking. Here you'll find better uses for your favorite vegetables: asparagus blanketing a pizza; ratatouille dressing up a sandwich; cauliflower masquerading as pesto. These are recipes you'll bookmark and use so often they become your own, recipes you'll slip to a friend who wants to impress her new in-laws, and recipes with simple ingredients that yield amazing results in a minimum amount of time. Deb tells you her favorite summer cocktail; how to lose your fear of cooking for a crowd; and the essential items you need for your own kitchen. From salads and slaws that make perfect side dishes (or a full meal) to savory tarts and galettes; from Mushroom Bourguignon to Chocolate Hazelnut Crepe Cake, Deb knows just the thing for a Tuesday night, or your most special occasion.

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Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith Joseph Fielding Smith 2009-03-26 Sermons and writings of Joseph Smith, the Prophet.

Aleister Crowley Tobias Churton 2014-05-20 At last, the unexpurgated, true story of the amazing Aleister Crowley—philosopher, poet, artists, writer, magus, explorer, parapsychology—and spy. Packed with fresh research and previously unpublished 'Crowleyana.' For 100 years, Aleister Crowley's true achievements have been suppressed and his true character defaced in a campaign of vilification unparalleled in British history. Until now, Crowley's life has not been written—it has been written over. Tobias Churton is a world authority on Freemasonry, Rosicrucianism, and Gnosticism. In writing Aleister Crowley, he enjoyed complete access to all Crowley's restricted papers, unpublished letters and personal diaries kept in a trust at London's Warburg Institute and in the Ordo Templi Orientis archives. Ninety percent of the authentic material here has never before been published.

Tibetan Book of the Dead W. Y. Evans-Wentz 2020-11-18 Derived from a Buddhist funerary text, this famous volume's timeless wisdom includes instructions for attaining enlightenment, preparing for the process of dying, and moving through the various stages of rebirth.

Art and Symbols of the Occult James Wasserman 1995-02-01

Liber Aleph Vel CXI Aleister Crowley 1991-01-01 Written in New York City at the end of the First World War, this has been described by Crowley as an extended and elaborate commentary on *The Book of the Law*, in the form of a letter from the Master Therion to his magical son.

Perdurabo, Revised and Expanded Edition Richard Kaczynski 2012-04-10 The name "Aleister Crowley" instantly conjures visions of diabolic ceremonies and orgiastic indulgences—and while the sardonic Crowley would perhaps be the last to challenge such a view, he was also much more than "the Beast," as this authoritative biography shows. Perdurabo (the magical name Crowley chose when inducted into the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn) traces Crowley's remarkable journey from his birth as the only son of a wealthy lay preacher to his death in a boarding house as the world's foremost authority on magick. Along the way, he rebels against his conservative religious upbringing; befriends famous artists, writers, and philosophers (and becomes a poet himself); is attacked for his practice of "the black arts"; and teaches that science and magick can work together. While seeking to spread his infamous philosophy of "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law," Crowley becomes one of the most notorious figures of his day. Based on Richard Kaczynski's twenty years of research, and including previously unpublished biographical details, Perdurabo paints a memorable portrait of the man who inspired the counterculture and influenced generations of artists, punks, wiccans, and other denizens of the demimonde.

The 1928 Book of Common Prayer Oxford University Press 1993-11-16 The 1928 Book of Common Prayer is a treasured resource for traditional Anglicans and others who appreciate the majesty of King James-style language. This classic edition features a Presentation section containing certificates for the rites of Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage. The elegant burgundy hardcover binding is embossed with a simple gold cross, making it an ideal choice for both personal study and gift-giving. The 1928 Book of Common Prayer combines Oxford's reputation for quality construction and scholarship with a modest price - a beautiful prayer book and an excellent value.

Aleister Crowley and Western Esotericism Henrik Bogdan 2012-09-20 Henrik Bogdan and Martin P. Starr offer the first comprehensive examination of one of the twentieth century's most distinctive occult iconoclasts, Aleister Crowley (1875-1947), one of the most influential thinkers in contemporary western esotericism.

A Postcard Memoir Lawrence Sutin 2000 A humorous & insightful memoir of everyday life told through pieces inspired by a series of quirky antique postcards.

The Diary of a Drug Fiend Aleister Crowley 1922

The Weiser Concise Guide to Aleister Crowley Richard Kaczynski 2009-04-01 Shrouded in mystery and misunderstanding, Aleister Crowley is one of the 20th century's most revered occult figures. With *The Weiser Concise Guide to Aleister Crowley*, readers are given a careful, comprehensive overview of Crowley's life from poet to practicing magician as well as his life's work, including the basic principles and rituals of his magical practices. Set aside your preconceptions and dismiss the rumors. Crowley was certainly a complex, controversial, and colorful man, but the truth is far more interesting than the legend.

The Thirties Edmund Wilson 2019-11-12 From one of America's greatest literary critics comes Edmund Wilson's insightful and candid record of the 1930's, *The Thirties: From Notebooks and Diaries of the Period*. Here, continuing from Wilson's previous journal, *The Twenties*, the narrator moves from the youthful concerns of the Jazz Age to his more substantial middle years, exploring the decade's plunge from affluence and exploring the tenets of Communism. His personal life is also amply represented, from his marriage to Margaret Canby and her subsequent tragic death to various erotic episodes with unidentified women.

All Is Change Lawrence Sutin 2006-08-30 In the tradition of Karen Armstrong, Jack Miles, and Thomas Cahill comes a magisterial history of the coming of Buddhism to the West.

The Templars and the Assassins James Wasserman 2001-04-01 • An examination of the interactions of the Christian Knights Templar and their Muslim counterparts, the Assassins, and of the profound changes in Western society that resulted. • Restores the reputation of the secret Muslim order of the Assassins, disparaged as the world's first terrorist group. • Dispels many myths about the Knights Templar and provides the most incisive portrait of them to date. A thousand years ago Christian battled Muslim for possession of a strip of land upon which both their religions were founded. These Crusades changed the course of Western history, but less known is the fact that they also were the meeting ground for two legendary secret societies: The Knights Templar and their Muslim counterparts, the Assassins. In *The Templars and the Assassins: The Militia of Heaven*, occult scholar and secret society member James Wasserman provides compelling evidence that the interaction of the Knights Templar and the Assassins in the Holy Land transformed the Templars from the Pope's private army into a true occult society, from which they would sow the seeds of the Renaissance and the Western Mystery Tradition. Both orders were destroyed as heretical some seven hundred years ago, but Templar survivors are believed to have carried the secret teachings of the East into an occult underground, from which sprang both Rosicrucianism and Masonry. Assassin survivors, known as Nizari Ismailis, flourish to this day under the spiritual leadership of the Aga Khan. Wasserman strips the myths from both groups and penetrates to the heart of their enlightened beliefs and rigorous practices, delivering the most probing picture yet of these holy warriors.

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Unicursal Hexagram Black Magick Black Magick Journals 2018-06-05 Black Magick, Occult, Wicca and Satanic Journals Keeping a magical record, magical journal or magical diary is the most important esoteric skills in magick and occultism. Its is used to record your dreams, magical experiments, rituals and for active exploration of the unconscious and subconscious realms through creation of sigils, drawing sketching and writing. This is a deeply important aspect of Witchcraft, Chaos Magick, Thelema, Satanism, Wicca and Wiccan Traditions. The powerful symbol used in the design should be studied and meditated upon. Use it as a guiding influence in your magical undertakings. Visit the Black Magick Journals page for more styles, designs, sizes and other options. Features: Soft sturdy beautiful softcover Measurements: 6"x9" 120 pages College rule lined pages perfect for writing, journaling or taking notes This notebook and writing journal has 120 College Ruled Pages measuring 6" x 9" in size. It has a sturdy cover and is perfect bound. This notebook is perfect for note taking, journaling, writing poetry, lists, ideas, or your next book. This Journal is great for taking notes, jotting lists, drawing, brainstorming, or meditation and mindfulness journaling.

Philosophy for Life and Other Dangerous Situations Jules Evans 2013-10-03 When philosophy rescued him from an emotional crisis, Jules Evans became fascinated by how ideas invented over two thousand years ago can help us today. He interviewed soldiers, psychologists, gangsters, astronauts, and anarchists and discovered the ways that people are using philosophy now to build better lives. Ancient philosophy has inspired modern communities – Socratic cafés, Stoic armies, Epicurean communes – and even whole nations in the quest for the good life. This book is an invitation to a dream school with a rowdy faculty that includes twelve of the greatest philosophers from the ancient world, sharing their lessons on happiness, resilience, and much more. Lively and inspiring, this is philosophy for the street, for the workplace, for the battlefield, for love, for life.

Stealing Fire from Heaven Nevill Drury 2011-03-02 The Western magical traditions are currently undergoing an international resurgence. In *Stealing Fire from Heaven*, Nevill Drury offers an overview of the modern occult revival and seeks to explain this growing interest in ancient magical belief systems. Gnosticism and the Hermetica, the medieval Kabbalah, Tarot and Alchemy, and more recently, Rosicrucianism and Freemasonry, collectively laid the basis for the modern magical revival, which first began to gather momentum in Europe at the end of the nineteenth century. Western magic has since become increasingly eclectic, drawing on such diverse sources as classical Greco-Roman mythology, Celtic cosmology, Kundalini yoga and Tantra, shamanism, chaos theory, and the various spiritual traditions associated in many different cultures with the Universal Goddess. Drury traces the rise of various forms of magical belief and practice, from the influential Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn to the emergence of Wicca and Goddess worship as expressions of contemporary feminine spirituality. He also explores Chaos Magick and the occult practices of the so-called Left-Hand Path, as well as twenty-first-century magical forays into cyberspace. He believes that the rise of modern Western magic stems essentially from the quest for personal spiritual transformation and direct experience of the sacred—a quest which the trance occultist and visionary artist Austin Osman Spare once referred to as

"stealing fire from heaven." Considered in this light, Drury argues, modern Western magic can be regarded as a form of alternative spirituality in which the practitioners seek direct engagement with the mythic realm.

Do What Thou Wilt Lawrence Sutin 2014-07-08 Do What Thou Wilt: An exploration into the life and works of a modern mystic, occultist, poet, mountaineer, and bisexual adventurer known to his contemporaries as "The Great Beast" Aleister Crowley was a groundbreaking poet and an iconoclastic visionary whose literary and cultural legacy extends far beyond the limits of his notoriety as a practitioner of the occult arts. Born in 1875 to devout Christian parents, young Aleister's devotion scarcely outlived his father, who died when the boy was twelve. He reached maturity in the boarding schools and brothels of Victorian England, trained to become a world-class mountain climber, and seldom persisted with any endeavor in which he could be bested. Like many self-styled illuminati of his class and

generation, the hedonistic Crowley gravitated toward the occult. An aspiring poet and a pampered wastrel - obsessed with reconciling his quest for spiritual perfection and his inclination do exactly as he liked in the earthly realm - Crowley developed his own school of mysticism. Magick, as he called it, summoned its users to embrace the imagination and to glorify the will. Crowley often explored his spiritual yearnings through drug-saturated vision quests and rampant sexual adventurism, but at other times he embraced Eastern philosophies and sought enlightenment on ascetic sojourns into the wilderness. This controversial individual, a frightening mixture of egomania and self-loathing, has inspired passionate - but seldom fair - assessments from historians. Lawrence Sutin, by treating Crowley as a cultural phenomenon, and not simply a sorcerer or a charlatan, convinces skeptic readers that the self-styled "Beast" remains a fascinating study in how one man devoted his life to the subversion of the dominant moral and religious values of his time.