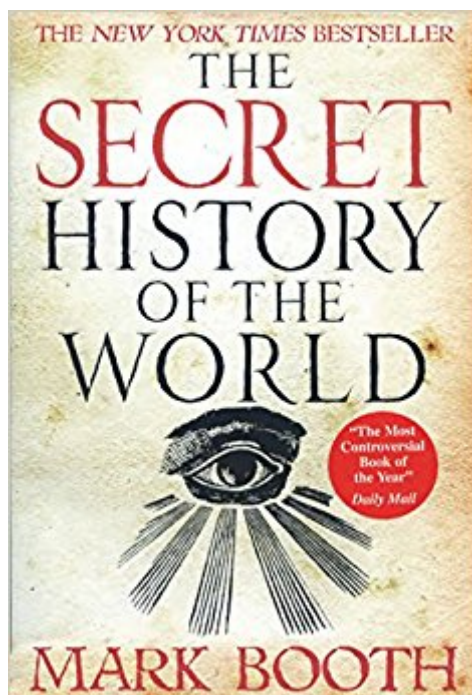


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Synopsis

The amazing surprise New York Times bestseller, filled with "breathtaking glimpses into worlds that heretofore have been little explored" (Foreward) They say that history is written by the victors. But what if history-or what we come to know as history-has been written by the wrong people? What if everything we've been told is only part of the story? In this groundbreaking and now famous work, Mark Booth embarks on an enthralling tour of our world's secret histories. Starting from a dangerous premise-that everything we've known about our world's past is corrupted, and that the stories put forward by the various cults and mystery schools throughout history are true-Booth produces nothing short of an alternate history of the past 3,000 years. From Greek and Egyptian mythology to Jewish folklore, from Christian cults to Freemasons, from Charlemagne to Don Quixote, from George Washington to Hitler- Booth shows that history needs a revolutionary rethink, and he has 3,000 years of hidden wisdom to back it up.

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Booth, a London publisher who has taught philosophy and theology at Oxford, is not shy about what he expects from readers— he asks that they enter into an imaginative exercise and embrace a world in which the basic facts of history can be interpreted in a way which is almost completely the opposite of the way we normally understand them. That radical re-interpretation is based on the tenets offered in the secret teachings of Rosicrucians, esoteric Freemasonry, Sufism and Kabbalism, among others, with additional references to Eastern religions and Greek and Roman mythology. According to Booth, these teachings inspire the cosmic mind that brought into being the material universe. Booth's history incorporates so many disparate philosophies, many of them far,

far away from the mainstream, that it lacks all coherence. And his universe is full of bizarre theories, entertaining primarily for their weirdness. For example, he posits that the angels in the ancient Hebrew Book of Enoch who became sexually attracted to human women are none other than the Gods of Olympus. It is hard to imagine that readers without Booth's predilections for the metaphysical will find this to be anything more than an earnest curiosity. B&w illus. (Jan.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Praise for *The Secret History of the World* "An entire library's worth of scholarship [in] a single volume." ?San Francisco Gate "Authentically mind-boggling." ?Kirkus "Booth's history incorporates so many disparate philosophies. . . His universe is full of bizarre theories, entertaining primarily for their weirdness." ?Publishers Weekly

I have always been interested in European mysticism and Secret Societies. However, the literature in such areas seems to either range from being so dense and Academic that it is unreadable to being little more than some New Age guru's quickly written and poorly researched little promotional piece. If such societies are really that secretive or didn't really exist at all, this book is nothing more than a complete lie from beginning to end, but what a wonderfully creative and mind opening tale it is. Real or imagined (and what do we all truly know for sure anyway), this text is just outright fun and thought provoking. I bought the paperback version and have read it previously. It is now on my kindle, and I often return to it again and again. If you, in fact, believe that the Soul and the Imagination are one and the same, I would say that this text lives up to that in so many ways. Call me strange, but I find my houseplants reaching out toward the bed where I sleep now. Perhaps, we all were once plant material as the myths presented here suggest. On the other hand, isn't the power of all religion in the metaphor and not something that can be seen in concrete form?

This book should be presented as required reading to high schoolers. EVERYTHING in history is address, along with the way that things are all tied together, including the mysteries.

My eyes have been opened. I've heard about a lot of the things discussed in this book, but never have I seen it all put together like this. To know that the Elites believe this to be the true version of history and have been hiding it from us, is very telling. Why would they not want us to know? So they can stay in control! It wasn't meant to be the way it is today. Find out for yourself the TRUE

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This will forever be one of the most significant books in my collection.

This is a very good book. It is a fascinating way of looking at the world and at history. I, myself, have studied and practiced esotericism and found this book rather illuminating. Some parts are kind of boring and are just here and there details.

One of my best purchases. Definitely a must buy!!

Drop what you're doing and read this now. Changes your perception of the world. Well written, brilliantly told. Five stars!

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