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The Book of Secret Wisdom - Zinovyia Dushkova
2015-10-12

Do you wonder about the future and the destiny of humanity? Do you want to know the true purpose of your existence on Earth and in the Universe? A long-hidden ancient text holds the answers you seek Zinovia Dushkova, Ph.D., is one of the few living people who has gained access to the million-year-old manuscript widely known as the Book of Dzyan. Written in the language of the Gods, called Senzar, it is secretly hidden in the heart of the Himalayas, accessible to only a chosen few over the course of human history, including Gautama Buddha, Jesus Christ, Pythagoras, Plato, and Helena Blavatsky. Interpretations of various parts of this secret manuscript, presented in different lights, can be found in all religions and philosophies. Now, for the first time ever, Dr. Dushkova has presented a never-before-seen excerpt from this ancient sacred text in **The Book of Secret Wisdom**. Beautiful and enlightening, it will reveal not only our past, but also our present and future. To facilitate your

understanding of this profound and poetic text, the book contains a comprehensive glossary gleaned from the supreme sources of wisdom. In **The Book of Secret Wisdom**, you will discover the answers to these questions: What are the ultimate goal and purpose of human existence? What is the cause of destructive weather, natural disasters, and global warming? What really happened in 1999 and 2012? What Great Event occurred invisibly in 2017? When did Armageddon and the Last Judgment occur? What should you expect in the coming decades? Why are people dying, and is there a chance to be immortal? Why does it seem that time is speeding up? What is the famous Philosopher's Stone? and much, much more The all-embracing and undistorted Truth presented in this book was once accessible only to the privileged initiates of ancient civilizations who spent much of their lives seeking it. But now it is available to you in the pages of **The Book of Secret Wisdom**, a book that offers unprecedented access to the world's most ancient mysteries. "This book is an immeasurable

treasure of knowledge. Its depth and scope are incredible." -- 2016 Benjamin Franklin Awards Judge "It reads beautifully like a storybook, feels like a fable, and reveals valuable lessons of love for this lifetime." -- Allyson Gracie, Wellness Specialist, Pilates & Yoga Instructor "One of the most inspiring, all encompassing, volumes of true truth I have read in all my years of seeking truth." -- April Giesecking "It is deep, deeper and vast than you could have ever imagined." -- Aakriti, Goodreads If you are a spiritual seeker who enjoys expanding the boundaries of your understanding, this book is for you. Buy *The Book of Secret Wisdom* now to unveil the world's most ancient mysteries

The Element Encyclopedia of Ghosts and Hauntings

- Theresa Cheung 2009

This is an A-Z reference book on all things psychic, mysterious and paranormal - the marvels, secrets and mysteries of the visible and the invisible world. This guide covers everything you could want to know including ghosts, strange phenomena, people, places, events, and ideas.

Secret Societies of America's Elite - Steven Sora
2003-02-24

An expose of the dark and critical role secret societies play within the ruling families in America and their influence on American democracy, current events, and world history. • Reveals the enormous influence secret societies still have on contemporary American life. • Shows how the secret Masonic cells that smuggled in the democratic ideals inspiring the American Revolution also enabled the future elite of the new society to build huge fortunes. Elite and secret societies have always been a major force in the history of Western civilization. The alliances formed in secret societies such as the Knights Templar, the Knights of Christ, and the Freemasons transcended patriotism and religious beliefs and had a powerful influence on the establishment of the United States of America. While these secret associations of merchants, smugglers, occultists, gamblers, spies, and slavers succeeded in freeing the

United States from foreign domination, the dark side is that the elite used their secret connections to further their own wealth and power. These secret cells did not hesitate to sponsor the assassination of a president and even attempted to break up the union on several occasions when it was deemed expedient. From the Sons of Liberty and the Essex Junto to the Ku Klux Klan, secret societies have played critical roles in building the fortunes of America's elite. Now Steven Sora reveals in alarming detail how secretive societies continue to wield power even today as organizations such as Yale's Skull & Bones unite America's modern ruling families as strongly as Masonic Lodges once connected the Astors, Livingstons, and Roosevelts. Their immense power and wealth allow this elite to control America to an even greater degree than the Templars once dominated Europe.

Encyclopedia of Cryptozoology - Michael Newton
2005

Examines cryptozoology, the study of animals unrenrecognized by modern science. Presents the latest information on sightings and hoaxes.

Christianity and the Secret Teachings of the Masonic Lodge - John Ankerberg 2011-09-30

Is there anything wrong with a Christian being a member of the Lodge? Are you a Christian pastor who has studied Masonry found nothing wrong with it and so you have not warned your members and possibly even joined the Lodge yourself? Does your church allow Masons to serve on your boards to teach the Bible in Sunday School and serve in other positions of influence and leadership? In this book we will document from the Masonic Ritual the authoritative book given to a person who enters and becomes a member of the Lodge how Masonry conflicts and denies foundational Christian truths. Masons are promised that nothing in Masonry's teachings will ever conflict with their own Christian belief. Has Masonry lied to or deceived Christians? In this book you will find answers to all these questions from the Masonic ritual and the Bible itself.

Encyclopedia of Natural Magic - John Michael

Greer 2005

A one-stop natural magic shop Natural magic is the ancient and powerful art of using material substancesherbs, stones, incenses, oils, and much moreto tap into the hidden magical powers of nature, transforming your surroundings and yourself. Not just a cookbook of spells, the Encyclopedia of Natural Magic provides an introduction to the philosophy and ways of thought underlying this system. It also gives detailed information on 176 different herbs, trees, stones, metals, oils, incenses, and other substances, and offers countless ways to put them to magical use. With this book and a visit to your local herb store, rock shop, or your backyard garden, youre ready to enter the world of natural magic!

Society Of The Spectacle - Guy Debord 2012-10-01

The Das Kapital of the 20th century,Society of the Spectacle is an essential text, and the main theoretical work of the Situationists. Few works of political and cultural theory have been as enduringly provocative. From its publication amid the social upheavals of the 1960's, in particular the May 1968 uprisings in France, up to the present day, with global capitalism seemingly staggering around in it's Zombie end-phase, the volatile theses of this book have decisively transformed debates on the shape of modernity, capitalism, and everyday life in the late 20th century. This 'Red and Black' translation from 1977 is Introduced by Notting Hill armchair insurrectionary Tom Vague with a galloping time line and pop-situ verve, and given a more analytical over view by young upstart thinker Sam Cooper.

The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion - Sergei Nilus 2019-02-26

"The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" is almost certainly fiction, but its impact was not. Originating in Russia, it landed in the English-speaking world where it caused great consternation. Much is made of German anti-semitism, but there was fertile soil for "The Protocols" across Europe and even in

America, thanks to Henry Ford and others.

The Element Encyclopedia of Secret Societies and Hidden History - John Michael Greer 2006

Behind the ordinary history of the world lies a second, hidden story - of secret societies, lost civilizations, sinister conspiracies, and mysterious events. Alternative visions of history have been around for nearly fifty years and popular culture has rapidly fed into this growing obsession. But how secret are these secret societies and what traces do the murky events of hidden history leave behind? Here you'll find the facts, arguments, important figures, and theories surrounding key questions being asked by many today: do secret societies actually control the world and, if so, what do they plan to do with it? What were the real origins of Christianity, the Freemasons, or the French Revolution? What is the significance of King Arthur, Leonardo da Vinci and Adlof Hitler to the world's secret societies?

The Undertaking of Hart and Mercy - Megan Bannen 2022-08-23

"A uniquely charming mixture of whimsy and the macabre that completely won me over. If you ever wished for an adult romance that felt like Howl's Moving Castle, THIS IS THAT BOOK." —Helen Hoang, author of The Kiss Quotient Hart is a marshal, tasked with patrolling the strange and magical wilds of Tanria. It's an unforgiving job, and Hart's got nothing but time to ponder his loneliness. Mercy never has a moment to herself. She's been single-handedly keeping Birdsall & Son Undertakers afloat in defiance of sullen jerks like Hart, who seems to have a gift for showing up right when her patience is thinnest. After yet another exasperating run-in with Mercy, Hart finds himself penning a letter addressed simply to "A Friend". Much to his surprise, an anonymous letter comes back in return, and a tentative friendship is born. If only Hart knew he's been baring his soul to the person who infuriates him most—Mercy. As the dangers from Tanria grow closer, so do the unlikely correspondents. But can their blossoming romance

survive the fated discovery that their pen pals are their worst nightmares—each other? Set in a world full of magic and demigods, donuts and small-town drama, this enchantingly quirky, utterly unique fantasy is perfect for readers of *The House in the Cerulean Sea* and *The Invisible Library*. "Truly outstanding romantic fantasy." —India Holton "An unabashedly offbeat adventure." —Freya Marske "I cried twice and smiled plenty." —Olivia Atwater "A little sweet, a little spicy, a little sharp and entirely moreish!" —Davinia Evans "I showed up for the fantastic, fun fantasy setting but it was Hart and Mercy that kept me reading." —Ruby Dixon

The Element Encyclopedia of Secret Signs and Symbols: The Ultimate A–Z Guide from Alchemy to the Zodiac - Adele Nozedar 2010-01-21

Unlock the lost and hidden meanings of the world's ancient and modern signs and symbols with the latest in the hugely popular series of 'Element Encyclopedias'. This is the biggest A-Z reference book on symbolic objects you'll ever find.

It's Complicated - Danah Boyd 2014-02-25

Surveys the online social habits of American teens and analyzes the role technology and social media plays in their lives, examining common misconceptions about such topics as identity, privacy, danger, and bullying.

The Element Encyclopedia of Birthdays - Theresa Cheung 2009-12-17

Did you know that your birthday can give you surprising details about your personality profile, your ideal partner, and your dark side? The Element Encyclopedia of Birthdays combines astrology, psychology, numerology and tarot for practical advice on how to make the best of yourself and shape your future.

The Element Encyclopedia of Secret Societies - John Michael Greer 2008

Conspiracies and Secret Societies - Brad Steiger 2012-06-01

Startling allegations. Suppressed evidence. Missing witnesses. Assassinations. Cover-ups and threats.

Documented connections to even deeper intrigue. Allusions to the New World Order. Coincidences? Too many to be mere coincidence? American history is replete with warnings of hidden plots by the Illuminati, the Freemasons, the Zionists, the Roman Catholics, the Communists, World Bankers, the Secret Government, and Extra-Terrestrial Invaders, to name a few. Separating fact from fiction, this compelling work provides gripping details and presents the information without bias, including hundreds of individuals, organizations, and events where official claims and standard explanations of actions and events remain shrouded in mystery. *Conspiracies and Secret Societies: The Complete Dossier* examines the most common subjects among conspiracy theorists, from historical topics such as the true relationship between Jesus and Mary Magdalene, the Roswell UFO crash, and the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. to more current issues such as the death of Princess Diana, FEMA's response following hurricane Katrina, and the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

The Jungle Book - Rudyard Kipling 1920

The Allegory of the Cave - Plato 2021-01-08

The Allegory of the Cave, or Plato's Cave, was presented by the Greek philosopher Plato in his work *Republic* (514a–520a) to compare "the effect of education (παιδεία) and the lack of it on our nature". It is written as a dialogue between Plato's brother Glaucon and his mentor Socrates, narrated by the latter. The allegory is presented after the analogy of the sun (508b–509c) and the analogy of the divided line (509d–511e). All three are characterized in relation to dialectic at the end of Books VII and VIII (531d–534e). Plato has Socrates describe a group of people who have lived chained to the wall of a cave all of their lives, facing a blank wall. The people watch shadows projected on the wall from objects passing in front of a fire behind them, and give names to these shadows. The shadows are the prisoners' reality.

The Nine Unknown - Talbot Mundy 2021-07-28

The "Nine Unknown Men" are a fictional secret society founded by the Mauryan Emperor Asoka around 270 BC to preserve and develop knowledge that would be dangerous to humanity if it fell into the wrong hands. The nine men are embodiment of good and face up against nine Kali worshippers, who sow confusion and masquerade as the true sages. The story surrounds a priest called Father Cyprian who is in possession of the books but who wants to destroy them out of Christian piety, and a number of other characters who are interested in learning their contents. The nine books entrusted to the Nine Unknown contain information on (1) Propaganda and Psychological warfare, (2) Physiology, including secrets concerning the "touch of death", (3) Microbiology, (4) Alchemy, (5) Communication, including communication with extraterrestrials, (6) Gravity, and anti-gravity devices (Vimanas, mythological flying machines of ancient India), (7) Cosmology, including hyperspace and time-travel, (8) Light, and a technology capable of modifying the speed of light and (9) Sociology, including rules predicting the rise and fall of empires.

101 Secrets of the Freemasons - Barb Karg
2009-07-18

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!

The Element Encyclopedia of Magical Creatures: The Ultimate A-Z of Fantastic Beings from Myth and Magic - John Matthews 2010-02-25

From unicorns and trolls to werewolves and griffins, this comprehensive guide is the key to discovering every magical creature from myth, folklore and legend around the world.

Secret Societies - Philip Gardiner 2007-06-15

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.

Emergency - Neil Strauss 2010-05-16

Before *The End of the World As We Know It*, you'll want to read this book. After the last few years of ethnic hatred, tsunamis and financial meltdown, Neil Strauss came to the sobering realisation that anything can happen. *Emergency* traces his white-knuckled journey to reinvent himself as a gun-toting, plane-flying, government-defying survivor.

The Secret Language of Birds - Adele Nozedar 2006

Containing historical facts, myths and real-life spiritual encounters with birds, this book features information for bird lovers who are interested in esoterica, history, folklore, and spiritual symbolism of birds throughout the world.

The Vice of Kings - Jasun Horsley 2018-06-28

In today's "post-truth" world, we are becoming inundated with fantasy fictions, "alternate news," and grossly oversimplified (and wildly exaggerated) conspiracy theories that identify cryptocratic power structures ruling our fates. But suppose the truth is both stranger than any fiction and more nuanced and disturbing than any theory? Suppose it is not conspiracy but complicity that creates our world? Beginning as an investigation into the author's childhood inside a closet aristocracy of "progressive" British entrepreneurs, *Vice of Kings* uncovers a history both disturbingly personal and shockingly universal. By juxtaposing disc jockey Jimmy Savile's secret cultural, criminal, and political affiliations in the second half of the 20th century with the life and teachings of Aleister Crowley in the first, it uncovers an alarming body of evidence that ritual child abuse is not only the dark side of occultism, but the shadowy secret at the heart of culture, both ancient and modern. In the process, *Vice of Kings* reveals an invisible culture behind the one we know, a secret hierarchy that impacts our lives, in ways both subtle and profound, from

birth until death. It is a cryptocratic superculture that operates via traumagenesis (intentionally traumatic child-rearing practices), secret initiation/recruitment rituals (abusive social structures), and collective cultural "inception" via mass media and the arts. By shaping our world implicitly, from the inside out, it makes us complicit with it - like the sleeping subjects of hidden monarchs.

The Element Encyclopedia of the Psychic World - Theresa Francis-Cheung 2006

Cheung presents a reference of paranormal myth and folklore - and the myths and legends surrounding ghosts and spirits in different cultures throughout the world, from famous ghost stories to various beliefs and superstitions that have taken root in different countries. It is a compendium of paranormal activity.

Diary Of A Young Girl - Anne Frank 2001-11-19

In July 1942, Anne Frank And Her Family Fleeing The Horrors Of Nazi Occupation, Hid In The Back Of An Amsterdam Warehouse. Anne Was Thirteen When The Family Went Into The Secret Annexe, And Over The Next Two Years She Vividly Describes In Her Diary The Frustrations Of Living In Such Confined Quarters, The Constant Threat Of Discovery, Hunger And Tiredness, And, Above All, The Boredom. Her Diary Ends Abruptly When She And Her Family Were Finally Discovered By The Nazis In August 1944. The Author Was Born On 12 June 1929 And Died While Imprisoned At Bergen-Belsen, Three Months Short Of Her Sixteenth Birthday. The Book Remains The Single Most Poignant True-Life Story To Emerge From The Second World War.

The Element Encyclopedia of the Celts - Rodney Castleden 2013-01-31

The latest title in the much-loved Element Encyclopedia series, *The Element Encyclopedia of Celts* explores the history, culture, and mythology of these great peoples.

White Noise - Don DeLillo 1999-06-01

A brilliant satire of mass culture and the numbing

effects of technology, *White Noise* tells the story of Jack Gladney, a teacher of Hitler studies at a liberal arts college in Middle America. Jack and his fourth wife, Babette, bound by their love, fear of death, and four ultramodern offspring, navigate the rocky passages of family life to the background babble of brand-name consumerism. Then a lethal black chemical cloud, unleashed by an industrial accident, floats over their lives, an "airborne toxic event" that is a more urgent and visible version of the white noise engulfing the Gladneys—the radio transmissions, sirens, microwaves, and TV murmurings that constitute the music of American magic and dread.

The Element Encyclopedia of Secret Societies: The Ultimate A–Z of Ancient Mysteries, Lost Civilizations and Forgotten Wisdom - John Michael Greer 2010-06-10

Discover everything you ever wanted to know about secret societies like the Freemasons, the historical mystery of Atlantis, why King Arthur, Leonardo da Vinci and Hitler are key figures, plus conspiracy theories, forgotten sciences and ancient wisdom.

Secret Societies and Clubs in American History - David Luhrssen 2015-09-09

Grounded in extensive historical research, this eye-opening survey reveals the long-undervalued role secret societies have played in American history. • Based on scholarly research, this book appeals to both academics and the general public • Sheds light on familiar figures from American history • Includes photographs

Angels and Demons - Dan Brown 2013-03-25

Robert Langdon is called upon to identify a mysterious symbol seared onto a dead man's chest. It belongs to the Illuminati, a secret brotherhood with a vendetta against the Catholic Church.

The Secret Language of Symbols - David Fontana 2003-02

Explores the culture, history, and psychology that lies behind a wide range of symbols.

Cults, Conspiracies, and Secret Societies - Arthur

Goldwag 2009-08-11

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.

A Dictionary of Symbols - Juan Eduardo Cirlot 2020-09-22

A classic encyclopedia of symbols by Catalan polymath Joan Cirlot that illuminates the symbolic underpinnings of myth, modern psychology, literature, and art. Juan Eduardo Cirlot's *A Dictionary of Symbols* is a feat of scholarship, an act of the imagination, and a tool for contemplation, as well as a work of literature, a reference book that is as indispensable as it is brilliant and learned. Cirlot was a composer, a poet, an art critic, and a champion of modern art whose interest in surrealism helped to bring him to the study of symbolism. Carl Jung, Mircea Eliade, René Guénon, Erich Fromm, and Gaston Bachelard also helped to shape his thinking in a book that explores the space between the world at large and the world within, where, as Cirlot sees it, nothing is meaningless, everything is significant, and everything is in some way related to something else. Running from "abandonment" to "zone" by way of "flute" and "whip," spanning the cultures of the world, and including a wealth of visual images to further bring the reality of the

symbol home, *A Dictionary of Symbols*, here published for the first time in English in its original, significantly enlarged form, is a luminous and illuminating investigation of the works of eternity in time.

The Liar Society - Lisa Roecker 2011-03-01

"A page-turning, pearl-clutching mystery!" -

Kimberly Derting, author of *The Body Finder* and *Desires of the Dead* "One killer novel." -Lee Nichols, author of the *Haunting Emma* series "The moment you finish, you'll start writing your fan letter, begging for more." -Adele Griffin, National Book Award Finalist and author of *The Julian Game* and *Picture the Dead* Since when do the dead send emails? Kate Lowry's best friend Grace died a year ago. So when she gets an email from her, Kate's more than a little confused. To:

KateLowry@pemberlybrown.edu From:

GraceLee@pemberlybrown.edu Subject: (no

subject) Kate, I'm here... sort of. Find Cameron. He knows. I shouldn't be writing. Don't tell. They'll hurt you. Now Kate has no choice but to prove once and for all that Grace's death was more than just a tragic accident. She teams up with a couple of knights-in-(not-so)-shining armor-the dangerously hot bad boy, Liam, and her lovestruck neighbor, Seth. But at their elite private school, there are secrets so big people will do anything to protect them-even if it means getting rid of anyone trying to solve a murder...

The World Book Encyclopedia - 2002

An encyclopedia designed especially to meet the needs of elementary, junior high, and senior high school students.

The Conspiracy Book - John Michael Greer 2018

"In this fascinating exploration of 100 of the most intriguing conspiracies and secret societies in the Western world -- extending from ancient times to the modern era -- John Michael Greer sheds light on mysterious organizations such as the Knights Templar, the First Masonic Grand Lodge, the Bavarian Illuminati, the Skull and Bones, the John Birch Society, and more. In this compelling book,

you'll encounter beautiful artwork and unexpected insights into conspiracies and struggles -- many long forgotten -- a history that has contributed, more than we may realize, to the world we live in today."--Back cover.

The Element Encyclopedia of Witchcraft: The Complete A–Z for the Entire Magical World -

Judika Illes 2010-04-15

Following on from the hugely successful *Element Encyclopedia of 5000 Spells*, comes the next bumper encyclopedia celebrating all facets of witchcraft. This definite book is the most comprehensive, authoritative and entertaining guide you'll ever find on the mythology, folklore and traditions of magic.

The Temple of Solomon - James Wasserman

2011-11-08

A fully illustrated history of the Temple of Solomon

- Examines the Temple of Solomon in the Hebrew Scriptures, the New Testament, and Apocryphal writings
- Explores its role in the founding of Freemasonry, the legends of the Knights Templar, the doctrines of the Kabbalah, and the teachings of Islam
- Explains the sacred nature of the Temple Mount--the site of the Temple of Solomon--and the secrets that may still be hidden there
- Richly illustrated, including many photos and images from rare archives

The spiritual heart of many esoteric societies, the Temple of Solomon was located atop the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, a site venerated by the three great monotheistic religions as the intersection of Divine and human. Built by King Solomon at the peak of ancient Israel's power, the Temple of Solomon housed the golden Ark of the Covenant in its Holy of Holies, a sacred chamber where one could communicate directly with God. Centuries after the temple's destruction, the Temple Mount was used as the headquarters for the Knights Templar during the Crusades, and countless legends have come down through the centuries about the secrets they may have uncovered there, including discovery of the Holy Grail or the Ark of the Covenant. Richly illustrated

with biblical and Masonic illustrations, photographs, and ancient and modern paintings--many from rare archives--this book explores the Temple of Solomon in the Hebrew Scriptures, the New Testament, and Apocryphal writings as well as its role in the founding of Freemasonry, the legends of the Knights Templar, the doctrines of the Kabbalah, and Muhammad's visionary journey from the Temple Mount through the heavens. Seeking to understand the powerful desire of many religions and secret societies to re-create the temple through ritual and prayer, James Wasserman explains why it was built, the magical forces King Solomon may have used in its creation, what its destruction meant for Jews and Christians alike, and why the Knights Templar as well as several modern secret societies named their orders after it. Detailing the sacred architecture of this perfectly proportioned mystical

edifice through words and art, the author reveals the Temple of Solomon as the affirmation of God's presence in human affairs, the spiritual root of Western culture, and an important monument to the Divine nearly forgotten in today's secular times but sorely needed to bridge the divide between our ancient past and our spiritual future.

- Adele

Nozedar 2013-01-31

A comprehensive guide to the history, culture, and religious beliefs and practices of America's native people, *The Element Encyclopedia of Native Americans* tells the varied and colourful stories of the tribes, their greatest leaders, wars, pacts, and the long-lasting impact that their profound wisdom and spirituality has on the West today.

*The Element Encyclopedia of Native Americans:
An A to Z of Tribes, Culture, and History*