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Idries Shah : The Secret Lore of Magic before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Secret Lore of Magic:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. "The Marvels of the World"By Customer"hellip;The process of learning is the process of discovering what really existshellip;.rdquo; says Peter Brent in The World of the Sufi. The texts made public in The Secret Lore of Magic do exist, and have existed for some time, but largely out of sight. They are provided to the reader as a ldquo;hellip;comprehensive reference systemhellip;.rdquo;, as the basis upon which rests that magical world of sorcerers, conjuration and rumour previously shrouded in fantasy and desire. Whether any part of it ldquo;really existssrdquo;, who knows, but Shah researched, translated and provides the essential materials.Albertus Magnus advises placing the stone ldquo;Benardquo; (which is like a Beastes tooth) under the tongue so that you ldquo;hellip;may conjecture and tell of things to come.rdquo; And, in A Book of Spells, The Marvels of the World, [number VII, Like Affects Like], says that ldquo;hellip;the turners of one metal into another called Alchemists knowhellip;.how like nature entreth and rejoyceth his likehellip;.rdquo; I may find that unconvincing and ldquo;Benardquo; a nonsensical term, but Albert the Great, whose last name suggests loadstone and ldquo;amalgamrdquo;, replies [number IX] ldquo;hellip;every man dispiseth the things whereof he knoweth nothing, and that hath done no pleasure to him.rdquo;Nowadays, of course, there is academic and other research into the sociological influence of the occult and this book perhaps prefigured that in its cultural and psychological approach. Shah goes further than that, and a reviewer on UK has helpfully indicated the rationale for Shahr's two books on magic as - information, prevention and a suggestion that there are, also, forces beyond the ordinary. Well worth buying for all those reasons. Plus, if you did want to bind a few spirits, this, I suppose, would be the book!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A must readBy Sunil RaoBooks written by Idries Shah, help in de-mystifying things and help in evolving one's perspective. A must read.12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Sourcebook of the GrimoiresBy Ian CThis classic brings together translations of a half-dozen of the most important medieval 'grimoires' - magicians' how-to books of the late middle ages and renaissance. It includes the Greater Key of Solomon, the Goetia of the Lemegeton, the Ars Almadel, the Grimoirium Verum, Albertus Magnus' Natural Magic, and excerpts from Agrippa. All are presented in a raw form, free of the various 'corrections' (and expurgations) of Mathers and Waite.The book *is* hard to find, and has been removed from all of Shah's booklists that i can find. It has become, in its own right, a hidden and forbidden volume. If you can find it, it remains unmatched for all-in-one-place lore.

First published in 1957, The Secret Lore of Magic contains within it a series of major source-books of magical arts. Many of them translated into English for the first time, these works are annotated and fully illustrated. The

book's title in itself signalled the fact that the bulk of material in this bibliographical study had never been published openly before. Together with *Oriental Magic* which appeared in the preceding year, it provided a complete survey of fundamental magical literature, and thus a comprehensive reference system for psychologists, ethnologists and others interested in the rise and development of human beliefs. Both books also introduced the general reader to dependable information about what was a shadowy and confusing subject.

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