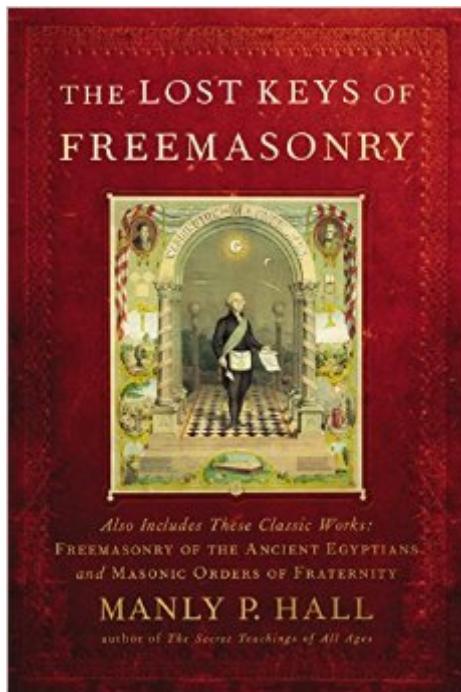


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Synopsis

Here is Manly P. Hall's classic work on history's most secretive brotherhood- reset and collected with two additional celebrated Hall volumes on occult Masonry. Freemasonry is the subject of perennial fascination-recently the cover story of a national newsmagazine, the premise of the movie National Treasure, and the anticipated basis of a forthcoming novel by Dan Brown. The twentieth century's great scholar of occult and esoteric ideas, Manly P. Hall was a Mason himself and nurtured a lifelong interest in the secret fraternal order, making it the focus of one of his earliest and best-loved books, *The Lost Keys of Freemasonry*. In this celebrated work, he examines the ethical training required of a Freemason, and the character traits a Mason must "build" within himself. Hall's 1923 volume is now reset and made available exclusively in this new edition, along with the author's two further classics on Masonry: - *Freemasonry of the Ancient Egyptians* (1937), which explores the roots of Freemasonry in the initiatory temple rites of Pharaonic Egypt; and - *Masonic Orders of Fraternity* (1950), a fascinating work of short history that chronicles the reemergence of Freemasonry in Europe in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. It surveys the lives of Masonry's modern architects and the secretive organizations that immediately preceded the brotherhood. This three-in-one volume features the original illustrations of each book, for a total of nearly thirty images, including recreations of scenes and rites from Masonry's unusual history. It also includes a new index encompassing all three titles.

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Customer Reviews

Although this book is almost 90 years old it is vastly superior to masonic overview books printed in the last 20 years. It is a wealth of information to the casual reader, mason or student of esoteric wisdom. Hall was a mason after the book was written, had it been otherwise he would not have revealed so much.

Have you ever noticed the strange symbols on the back of the US dollar bill? Have you wondered about the origins of those symbols and how our Founding Fathers ever came up with them? You are looking at symbols related to the ancient Fraternity of Freemasonry. Many of the Founders of our Constitution were members of that mysterious order. If you have ever wondered about that secret society, now is your chance to find out. The three works published together for the first time in this volume will push aside the veil of the inner temple and lead you into its mysteries. Freemasonry is a spiritual philosophy with its roots in antiquity. These roots are rumored to extend back to the Ancient Egyptians who were the builders of the pyramids and the sacred temples at Thebes and Luxor. It is about the spiritual journey of the soul and the effort to defeat the negative influences that seek to overcome it and release the magnificence of the soul's true splendor. The philosophy is about the spiritual journey and, yet, is attached to no specific religion. Masonic Orders have been comprised of members of all faiths. As you step into this book, you become the Initiate who is led through many trials to attain the various levels of self-knowledge and ultimately, enlightenment and the true knowledge of his own Divine nature. The journey is fraught with perils both of the Master's devising and those of the Initiate's own shortcomings. Once you read this book, you will see the world differently. Hidden symbols that you barely noticed before will leap out at you alive with meaning. This book will reveal a world of mystery surrounding you that you never saw before.

Manly P. Hall is an amazing author. He is a 33 degree Freemason and he takes you through the basis of the 3 degrees and in depth of the philosophy of Egypt. I recommend this book to anyone who is interested in philosophy and Egypt.

I often wondered about free masonry. I knew some free masons, some were very honest and honorable men and some were not. I wondered how can this be? After reading this I get it. The honorable ones "got it" the others did not, just because they had a ring did not make them a true mason. The best book I've ever read about the Free Masons. We need some of these men in the white house today like we had originally. It gives one a greater respect for our founding fathers.

I have several of Manly P Halls books , which I consider a privilege to have in my possession. Manley P Hall is a very underestimated writer who has not received the acclaim that he so diligently deserves, this book is a very informative addition to own. it goes into the ROOTS of masonry, in explicit Hall style format. a great read!

This book is a must read for all Freemasons! Manly P. Hall has pieced together the essence and history of the craft in a very intelligent and esoteric fashion, which gives the initiated much insight into the deeper symbolism and origins behind the rituals performed in the Blue Lodge. Much insight and history concerning the Ancient Egyptian Mystery Schools and how they are relevant still today is captured beautifully throughout the book. The general history behind the fraternities and how it was all culminated by the founders of the craft of Freemasonry and similar societies is brilliantly defined in a very logical and well structured format. Priceless knowledge for a small sum of money.

This is one of my all time favorite masonic books that discuss the spiritual side to the Craft. I don't take his interpretations of the Craft as a pass to the afterlife as literal, but there are some good alchemical keys subtly written into the text. There are those of us who see freemasonry as a road guide to spiritual practice, and though not a religion in and of itself, there are wise paths to tread, one of which Hall has done an excellent job of collecting in this work. The chapters following the main text are a great bonus which help amplify Hall's deliberate intent to classify freemasonry as one way to set the Great Work into a nomenclature available across cultural boundaries. Hall uses the 3 degrees of ancient craft masonry, but I would be interested to see how he would have incorporated the higher degrees into his interpretation, especially that of the Scottish Rite degrees (particularly the 32 degree). Maybe there is a text I am just not aware of... yet. I highly recommend this text to any freemason looking to be inspired by what spiritual possibilities the degrees offer toward completing the Great Work.

This book is very helpful in the education process for masons. It is a little difficult to read as it was written in the early 1900's for masons at the time. The content is still interesting but takes a little time to read it. I will be passing my copy on to members of my lodge to keep as a reference book.

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