

**The Masonic Myth:
Unlocking the Truth About the Symbols,
the Secret Rites, and the History of Freemasonry**

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The Truth Revealed

Freemasons have been connected to the all-seeing eye on the dollar bill, the French Revolution, the Knights Templar, and the pyramids of Egypt. They have been rumored to be everything from a cabal of elite power brokers ruling the world to a covert network of occultists and pagans intent on creating a new world order, to a millennia-old brotherhood perpetuating ancient wisdom through esoteric teachings. Their secret symbols, rituals, and organization have remained shrouded for centuries and spawned theory after theory. The Masonic Myth sets the record straight about the Freemasons and reveals a truth that is far more compelling than the myths.

Editorial Reviews

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This is hardly the first book about the history and inner workings of Freemasonry. It is, however, one of a small number of books written (mostly without an agenda) by a practicing Mason. It's no big secret that Freemasonry has a reputation as a powerful secret society and that various conspiracy theorists have linked Masonry to everything from the Knights Templar to Jack the Ripper. (Dan Brown uses Masonry in his new novel, *The Lost Symbol*.) Kinney explores the many rumors and theories surrounding Masonry, separating myth from history, fact from fiction. Think of his book as a sort of dual history, of Masonry itself and of the concurrent condemnation and fear of Masons; as such, it should appeal to readers searching for an evenhanded look at the organization. There are no jaw-dropping revelations in here—for example, Kinney doesn't accuse the Masons of being behind the Ripper murders, as Stephen Knight did in *Jack the Ripper: The Final Solution* (1976) and *The Brotherhood* (1984)—but that doesn't keep the book from being fascinating reading. --David Pitt