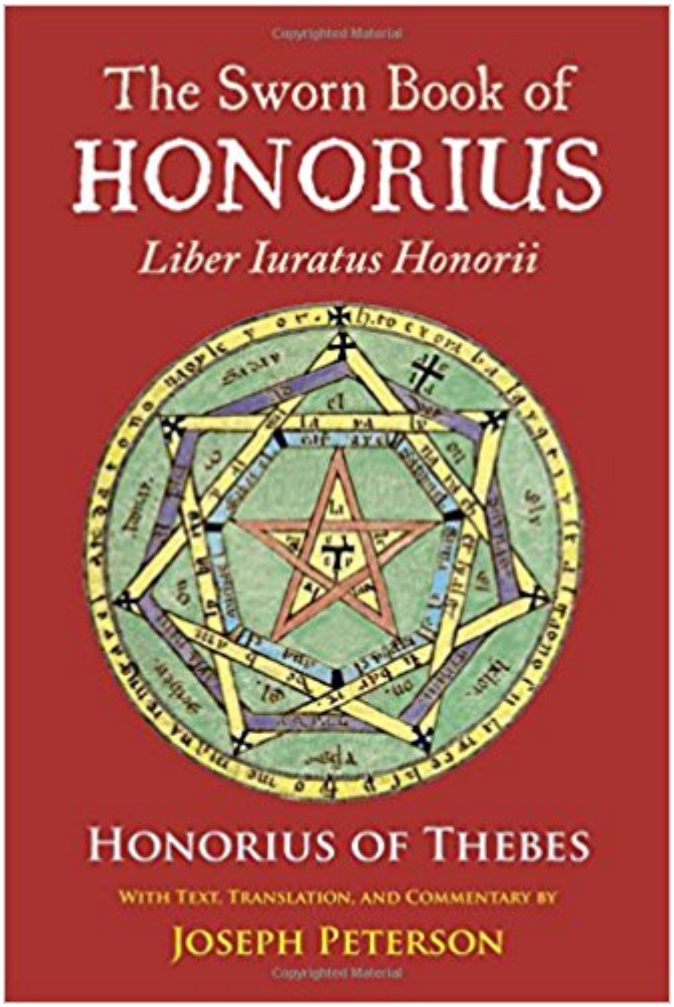
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Synopsis

As the title testifies, students were sworn to secrecy before being given access to this magic text, and only a few manuscripts have survived. Bits of its teachings, such as the use of the magic whistle for summoning spirits, are alluded to in other texts. Another key element of its ritual, the elaborate "Seal of God," has been found in texts and amulets throughout Europe.Interest in The Sworn Book of Honorius has grown in recent years, yet no modern translations have been attempted--until now.Purporting to preserve the magic of Solomon in the face of intense persecution by religious authorities, this text includes one of the oldest and most detailed magic rituals. It contains a complete system of magic including how to attain the divine vision, communicate with holy angels, and control aerial, earthly, and infernal spirits for practical gain.Largely ignored by historians until recently, this text is an important witness to the transmission of Kabbalah and Jewish mysticism to European Hermeticists.

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Customer Reviews

Joseph H. Peterson has translated many esoteric and religious source works including The Clavis or Key to the Magic of Solomon, Arbatel, and John Dee’s Five Books of Mystery. Peterson is an active member of the American Academy of Religion and the American Folklore Society. He has an extensive collection of rare esoteric documents, which he shares at his award-winning websites esotericarchives.com and avesta.org. He lives near Rochester Minnesota.

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This is an amazing root level resource for many grimoires we are more familiar with, and yet, it’s totally unlike anything in the Solomon cycle of works.At its heart is a magic based on Christian piety. The work centers around an lengthy operation to initiation, similar to Abraham’s Book of Sacred Magic. But in comparison of those two works, this is the completely opposite approach. Abraham advises you to write your own prayers, Honorius gives it to you word for word. While Abraham sets you in a process of self-reflection, Honorius assaults the ego with endless prayers, orations, and barbarous names. Ritual and cosmology are stressed in the Honorius System with a complexity that Abraham would have had little patience for. Honorius is much more focused on planetary magic, and working with elementals.For the Enochian magician, this is a great chance to look at a document that was formative to Dee’s system, including the information and variations on the Great Seal of God. Angel magicians looking to expand their lists will find angel names here that are not found elsewhere. Magic historians will be delighted with the synthetic fusion of Merkava mysticism with Catholic ritual, and Byzantine Christianity in general. This early fusion of ideas planted fertile seeds in the Western magic current that can be seen reflected in hundreds of manuscripts in libraries throughout Europe. Ritualists will find the magic whistle completely unique to modern grimoire work, as well as the use of concave circles or "pits" to evoke evil spirits, and an interesting take on planetary calling directions with basically a seven pointed compass.The reason much of this material was lost to the mainstream magic circles of the time, is that to obtain the book you first had to give an oath that your copy would be destroyed upon your death. It’s a wonder this work wasn’t lost to us entirely.As usual Joseph Peterson does a great job footnoting and explaining the context of phrases and customs unfamiliar to the modern reader. His insight into the mediaeval mind is a valuable resource and he is generous in sharing it. Having said that, there is less footnoting here, than you may have come to expect if you have other works by Peterson. The Latin of the work appears on the left and the translation on the right.The original author was very erudite and familiar, or at least exposed to a variety of mystical and spiritual traditions. Peterson’s treatment of the text is scholarly, but the author of the original work was equally so. While the endless prayers, orations, masses, and the like are likely to weary the modern reader, beyond that is a brilliant synthesis of spirito-magical art.

This was an interesting read. It is a wonderful look into the religious practices of the past. No portals opened in my home so I think its safe to leave out.

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