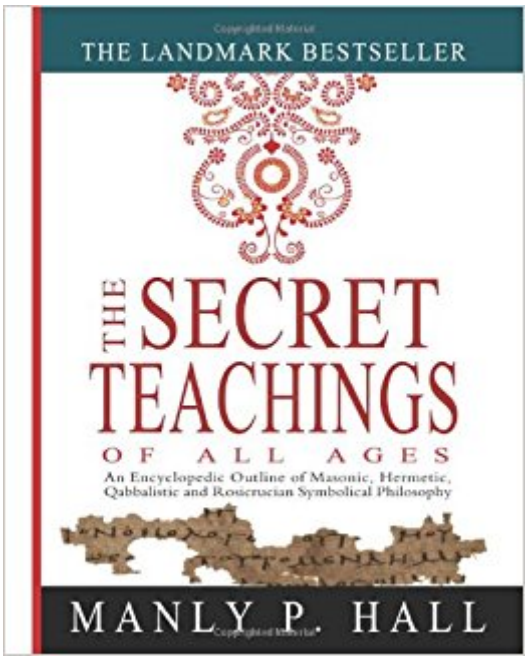
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Having been disappointed with the first version I ordered (the other new, blue-covered edition from Wilder Publications) as the illustrations are so bad, I'm writing this review to save others wasting their money in a similar way. One can always return a book, but when it's shipped from another continent, it costs a fortune in postage. Both texts are identical of course, but this version also has an index at the back which the Wilder Publications version sadly lacks, which is very frustrating when trying to look up information. The pictures in this book are well-copied and every detail can be seen, which is important when the illustrations are under discussion in the text. Having said that, the paper used is not of a particularly high quality. In this single aspect, the version with the poor pictures wins with better paper, but it costs near $10 extra at the moment second-hand. As they say, you can't win 'em all.

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This book is filled with nuggets of knowledge. It is a long read, but well worth the time and effort. It has some archaic spellings and words, so patience is required if you seek further information on topics via the internet. Overall a very satisfying read which answers many questions. Highly recommend.

This is a book that is referenced time and time again in other metaphysical books. I have a hard copy, but it is HUGE! The topics are so diverse and Manly P. Hall provides a plethora of info on many secret teachings from the mystery schools. Well worth the purchase and i would definitely recommend this to other seekers of the Light. The reason i got the kindle version is so i would have access to it anywhere, at anytime.

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