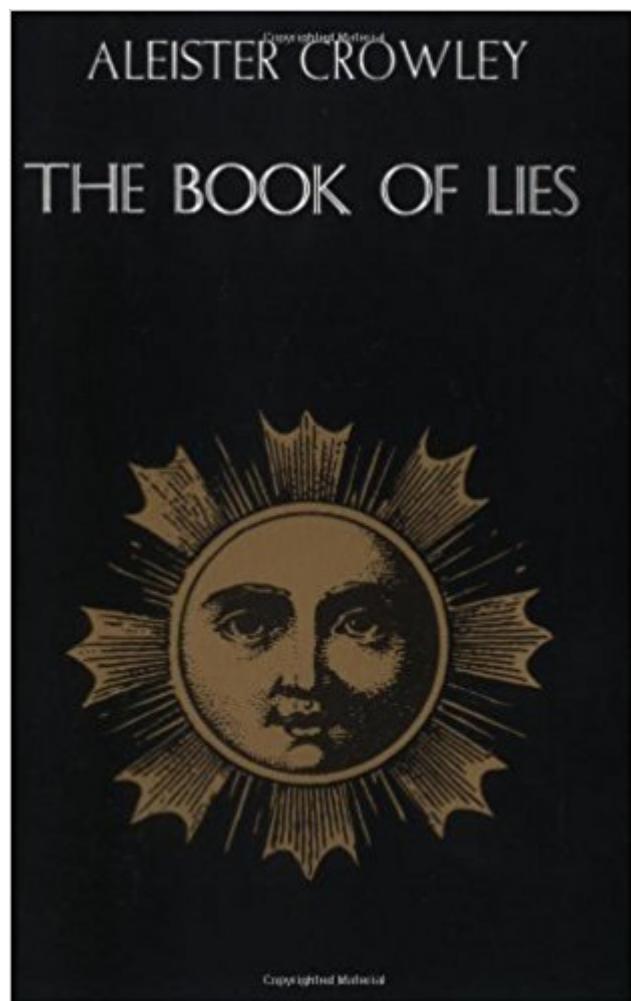


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# The Book Of Lies



## **Synopsis**

An admirable collection of Crowley's aphorisms-- Witty, subtle, and instructive paradoxes that challenge and exhilarate.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Aleister Crowley (1875-1947) was a magus, poet, sexual athlete, mountaineer, traitor, drug fiend, and Prophet of a New Eon. He has been dubbed "The Wickedest Man in the World." Author of 777, Diary of a Drug Fiend, and Book of Lies, as well as many other books, Crowley, with Freida Harris, also created the bestselling Thoth Tarot Deck.

This book is a real head scratcher. I have a feeling if I knew anything about Qabalah I might at least understand some of the symbols, but the writing is deliberately convoluted. I enjoy a good puzzle though, so I think I'll give it another try.

Not for beginning magickians.

This book is fantastic, I keep returning to it and finding new revelations, even getting a chuckle out of it here and there. I would recommend someone who does not even fancy the occult necessarily to read segments of this text.

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Lots of jargon. Not for a novice.

I am really loving this book, it is just so much fun to read. I also find it to be inspiring. I think Crowley is one of the greatest writers I have ever read. The spirit of this book is fun and puzzling and profound all in one. It is full of riddles that will challenge you. It ties in nicely with the study of Qabalah, actually knowledge of the Qabalah will greatly enhance your reading of this book and vice versa! I like the quality of this edition, as I do all of the other books I have ordered that were published by Weiser. It is just nice, well worth more than I paid for it, as I will be reading it for the rest of my life as far as I can tell. There is always another insight to be gleaned from even a casual read of a few chapters. I have learned many things that I never saw coming, like the Greek alphabet! I give it two thumbs up all the way!

Over all I am very pleased with this purchase. It arrived the day I had expected, 5 hours earlier than I had expected. The paperback arrived in perfect condition, with that wonderful new book smell. So on that front I have no reason to complain, and I won't. However I would like to note to those who do not exactly understand the contents of the book, that it may not be entirely satisfactory. This is a very cryptic text, I don't think anyone would deny that. Most of the passages do not direct anything meaningful in any direct fashion, and the commentary by Crowley does not help that much. This is definitely a book for contemplation and meditation, and, though I may be wrong, the majority of the passages seem to be either glorifying or justifying spiritual hedonism. They are fairly interesting, however, and that is not to devalue them at all. It is a mystic book, in the end, and expecting anything more or less than mysticism, would just be an exercise in foolishness.

what can you say ...its Aleister Crowley right...:)

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