

OCCULT AMERICA

MITCH HOROWITZ

Americans have long had a fixation with the occult. Now, well-known writer and expert on the occult Mitch Horowitz presents a meticulously researched, compulsively readable history of the mystical and spiritual experience in our country. Focusing on the tremendous impact that nineteenth-century movements such as Freemasonry, Spiritualism, and Transcendentalism have had on America, Horowitz explains the origins of the Ouija board, the political influence of Spiritualism on the Senate, and the source of the mysterious slogan on the back of the dollar bill. The colorful cast of characters extends from those on the margins of documented history to famous heroes like Abraham Lincoln. *Occult America* will appeal to history buffs, spirituality enthusiasts, and everyone who savors fascinating narrative nonfiction.

"Employing extensive research while writing with an authoritative tone, Horowitz succeeds in showing how a 'new spiritual culture' developed in America." —Publishers Weekly

Mitch Horowitz has written for *Science of Mind*, *New Dawn*, *Parabola*, *Fortean Times*, and the Religion News Service. A sought-after speaker and well-known voice for occult and esoteric ideas, he is editor in chief of Tarcher/Penguin and lives in New York City.



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