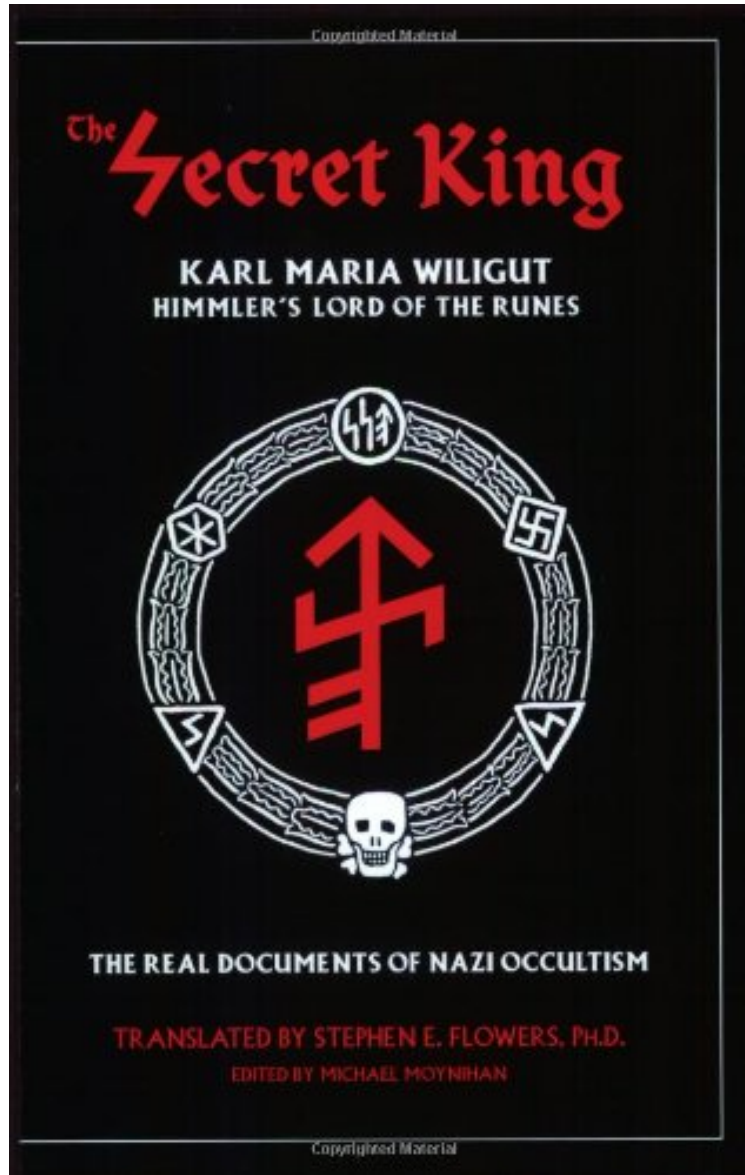


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11 of 14 people found the following review helpful. The Secret Reports of the Nazi SS Rune Magician By Michael Chesbro Dr. Stephen Flowers has provided use with a unique opportunity to look inside the works of one of the

legendary Germanic Rune Magicians - Karl Maria Wiligut. Beginning with a detailed introduction, Dr. Flowers then provides clear and understandable translations of Wiligut's writings that are available from no other easily accessible source. Wiligut was a contemporary of such men Guido von List and Jorg Lanz von Liebenfels, and was certainly influenced by the work of these great men. Later in his life Wiligut was commissioned by Heinrich Himmler - leader of the Nazi SS - to write reports on the Runes, Germanic traditions and pre-Christian history. It is portions of this work that we find translated in "The Secret King". Certainly not a book for the beginner or someone with a mere curiosity about the Runes, "The Secret King" provides depth and insight for those who have already gained more than a superficial knowledge of the topic in question. This you know - would you know more? 19 of 24 people found the following review helpful. Hmm.. lost me about 1/2 way through... By David C. Johnson Well, the introduction gives a decent introduction to Wiligut's basic ideas, but I would have liked more background in Wiligut's involvement with the Nazi party and Himmler. There are vague references to Wiligut being rejected by the Ahnenrebe as "too fanciful", but more treatment would have been a real bonus. An introduction to rune-ology, and its historical placement impact on Germanic/Nazi thought would have helped place Wiligut in a broader historical perspective. Wiligut's writings, which make up the bulk of the book are for the die-hard fan only. You will need a serious grounding in contemporary Germanic metaphysical thought to get much out of it. Layout printing of the book present well (and it gets an extra star for it) 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. the real thing By Alexander Besh for research purposes, can't beat it, dull as dishwater as it is it's the runic stone for understanding what happened. Most readable sections are Intro and someone's memoirs in a chapter at very end. In between, there's your local color if you're a novelist researching politically correct incantations and such.

There is much speculation about the occult roots of National Socialism, yet little concrete documentation has ever been uncovered. Of the materials that do exist, almost nothing has been translated into English--until now. This book, ten years in the making, contains the collected occult writings of Karl Maria Wiligut, the runic initiate and shadowy Secret King of Germany. His works were originally published in the rare ariosophical journals Hag All All Hag and Hagal. Heinrich Himmler --the leader of the SS and possibly the most powerful figure in the Third Reich-- commissioned Wiligut to write private reports on Runes, secret Germanic traditions, and prehistory. It was through this position of influence that Wiligut came to be known after his death as Himmler's Rasputin. Adeptly translated by Germanic history expert Dr. Stephen E. Flowers and edited by Michael Moynihan, these writings allow a glimpse into the strange magical world that enchanted high-ranking officials of Nazi Germany. For anyone fascinated about the role occultism played in the Third Reich, here is the evidence. Never before have source documents of this nature been made available to the English-speaking world! The Secret King contains: A full-length biographical introduction about Wiligut's turbulent life and exploring his magical worldview -- Translations of all Wiligut's major writings -- Wiligut's mysterious invocations, the Halgarita-Sayings -- Translations of private documents Wiligut submitted directly to the Reichsfuhrer-SS, Heinrich Himmler -- Essays on Wiligut's cosmology and traditions by other ariosophists of the past and present -- Himmler's own report of an SS name-giving ritual, attended by the inner circle of SS leaders and presided over by Wiligut -- An exclusive interview with Gabriele Winckler-Dechend, Wiligut's closest colleague from his period of service in the SS.

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