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There's magic in this dark old world of ours — but that's not what the hawkers of the mock new ages claim. And alchemy, in the mystical sense, falls into that category. As pre-chemistry it makes perfect sense, especially given that they can see results but haven't really understood the processes involved. Their observations are correct, even if their theories and assumptions are wrong. They can create gold, after fashion, by extracting existing gold from wheel wheels and alloys; And they can make gold by trickery and trickery (the option depends on individual alchemists and his/her preferences for fraud and/or the availability of materials). Using symbolism as code is probably the best thing I've learned in a book. It was very enthusiastic about the old alchemers. They used this code to pass their findings on to others without bringing them up to everyone — keeping their guild secrets. Personally I hate secrets and these things, so color my views of ancient (and modern) alchemists. When trying to apply the lessons of chemical alchemy to other areas, such as mental, spiritual, social, and even scientific — this too can be done to match but it is a hoax IMOP. Have you ever heard the being when you hammer all the problems start to look like nails? Well, I think the application of alchemical lessons to areas is not chemical. Alchemists see all problems as solveable with Alchemy. I also have a problem with the search to link everything to antiques (a problem I have with a lot in the world, not just alchemy). Its great ancient wisdom, but it has been altered over the generations to match current knowledge. I don't have a problem with that, it's the natural result of growing knowledge and evolution. But frankly I find the effort to link human knowledge and development to ancient and noble civilizations and/or aliens/gods a kind of insulting. I also find the suspect's numerology in alchemy very convenient. But all that said, it's a good book and a good point to learn from. ... Another November 29, 2019 N.E. Johnson rated it was fine I always have always Figure out how other times they believed the world worked. It helps me be a better writer to be able to understand how other times thought and saw the world. Alchemy was one belief I missed entering because all the ancient texts on it are obedient at best if not outright cloaked in symbolism to protect the authors from persecution. But after reading this book I can say I still have no idea how they thought about the world. The first one I always enjoyed understanding how other times believed the world worked. It helps me be a better writer to be able to understand how other times thought and saw the world. Alchemy was one belief I missed entering because all the ancient texts on it are obedient at best if not outright cloaked in symbolism to protect the authors from persecution. But after reading this book I can say I still have no idea how they thought about the world. The first two-thirds of the book try to answer my question directly, but only vaguely describe it using too much ink for how little is said. Fortunately the last 1/3 entered corosexuals and how people relate to the philosophy of alchemy to medicine, astrology, psychology, sociology, and general mysticism. At least that makes it a useful reference so I can add little recommendations to my writing and people will think I know something hidden and profound. For this it is at least a useful reference guide to keep around until I find something better. ... more Jul 18, 2019 Reading by Fred rated it really liked that I enjoyed this book. It was a nice introduction to the alchemy and philosophy behind it. While I disagree with, and do not believe in the principles and ideas of alchemy, I enjoyed the way the author presented the information. 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More Than October 15, 2016 Alex Dunn rated it was amazing I don't usually like these idiotic guides but it was really good, I read some other books by this author and he's excellent at explaining very complex subjects and alchemy is as complex as he can get (sorry for unenlightened it's not as simple as J K did). If you want to learn more about alchemy and read it first, then go for the other books. March 08, 2011 Ron rated him loved it Arcane. The occult. Occasionally pragmatic. Some parts are fascinating, others not so much. Not everyone's tea. I found his discussions about Jung's fascination with alchemy to be illuminating, and I appreciate his clear explanation of the various possible foci (dimensions?) of alchemy, including the psychological. November 24, 2013 Bridger Montana rated it was amazing If it's a subject you're interested in, it was an amazing read that opened my eyes to the wonder of the world around me as well as helped me understand what I think to be dead art. 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