

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ALCHEMY

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From Ancient Egypt and Hermes Trismegistus to Roger Bacon, Paracelsus, and the Industrial Revolution, this book covers the astonishing history of the Hermetic disciples who, in the East and West, combined superstition and science in search of the philosopher's stone and the elixir of life.

Synopsis

A Brief History of Alchemy offers an overview of the fascinating world of alchemy, from its origins in Ancient Egypt under Pharaoh Khufu to the present, but not before discussing famous men such as Saint Thomas Aquinas, Paracelsus, Roger Bacon, and Isaac Newton, all of which were involved in this field. The book gives us an understanding of the history of alchemists, true practitioners who unified experimentation with spiritual perfectionism. In Ancient Egypt it was practiced by priests who controlled the medicine and led religious rituals. Today the practice has fulfilled the most precious dreams of past practitioners by creating life and immortality and by transmuting substances into others.

The author fills with book with not only historical facts, but with an entertaining and reader friendly writing style that facilitates our understanding of the men, researchers, and thinkers – usually always Christians – who borrowed from ancient philosophies such as Hermeticism, Gnosticism, Pythagoreanism, and the school of Jonia, so as to create a transcendent vision of their discipline. Their efforts and experiments were no more than a material manifestation of their true and constant quest for inner illumination.

Biography

Luis E. Ñigo Fernández has a degree in geography and history from the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, a PhD in history from UNED, and was the recipient of an award for academic excellence from a prestigious association of academics in Madrid. Currently he works as Education Inspector after almost two decades of high school teaching experience.

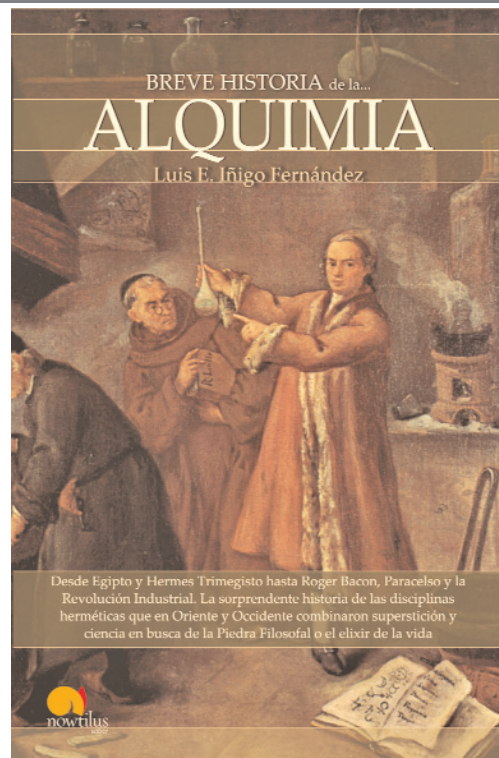
As an author, he has written history books such as *Melquíades Álvarez: A Liberal in the Second Republic*, *Liberal Law in the Spanish Second Republic*, *Spain: The History of an Unending Nation*, and *The History of the West Told Simply*, as well as the fictional works, *The Purple Conspiracy* and *The Malthus Plan*. With Nowtilus Editions he has written *Brief History of Spain* (2010).

Sales pitch

AUTHOR: Luis E. Ñigo Fernández is a historian who analyzes the past from a modern perspective by studying current works and explaining them in a straightforward and easy to understand manner.

NOVEL IDEA: Based on little known historical sources, this book gives the reader a chance to view this subject from both a scientific and uniquely personal perspective.

HISTORICAL REVISIONISM: You will learn about alchemy and alchemists and how certain trends pushed this discipline to become a precursor to modern medicine and chemistry.

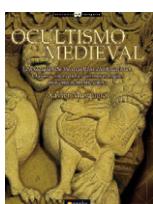


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