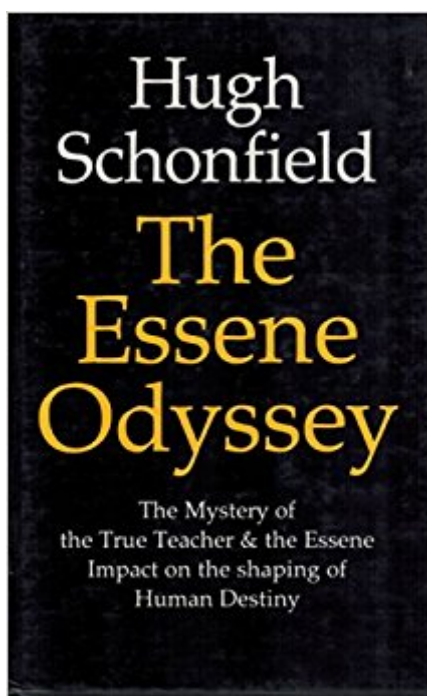


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Schonfield suggests that such a sequence may not be all luck, accident or chance. Recommended for its history, philosophical insight and spiritual content. Left open is the historical identity of the True Teacher of Righteousness, the featured hero of the Essenic documents. The author tries the description on several historical figures, Jesus and John the Baptist among them, but for him none fit it precisely. He does, however, cast the hero into a archetypical role that is beyond any one individual and that leaves the reader somewhat satisfied although still very curious, like maybe more scrolls remain in the desert to be discovered.

This is a fascinating, well-written and informative book which traces the history of the Essenes through both primary and secondary sources, examines their influence on other groups with whom they came into contact, and reveals the legacy they left behind. I would highly recommend this book.

Great reading, gives a person deep thoughts

Extremely interesting

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