

A book review by Aleister Crowley from the September 1917 edition of The International.

The Hand Invisible Edited by E. B. Harriett. International Historical Society, Inc., New York, 1917.

This is a very interesting book. No great pains have been taken to insist upon the nature of the means in which it was obtained. The book therefore stands or falls by its own merit; and in this case the merit is considerable. It is true that there is not any particular new truth; but there is much which cannot fail to help and encourage a great many people in this country. At times the thought is decidedly epigrammatic. "Painted fun knows no mirth."

There is much quiet wisdom, one may say, on almost every page. It is not a book which will be of any use to those who are spiritually advanced in the technical sense; but its influence upon the average reader can but be helpful.