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The Game Of Life And How To Play It - Florence Scovel Shinn



Synopsis

Miss Shinn was an artist, an author and a metaphysics teacher in New York in the early part of the 20th century. Her books are remarkable and revolutionary in her times. They are profound, full of wisdom and have inspired thousands of people for several decades. She taught that life is a game and in order to play it well, one must learn to understand the universal laws that govern it. She showed her students and readers how to win health, prosperity and happiness by mastering the game. By sharing real-life stories, she illustrates how positive attitudes and affirmations invariably succeed in making one a winner in life - able to control life's conditions and release abundance through knowledge of spiritual law. Florence Scovel Shinn had the ability to explain her success principles and how they work in an entertaining and easy-to-read style. She can be considered one of last century's most popular success teachers and in 1925, Florence decided to publish her first book "The Game of Life and How to Play It". After unsuccessfully finding a publisher for her work, she published it herself. Her second book, "Your Word is Your Wand" followed in 1928 and her final book "The Secret Door to Success" was published in 1940 shortly before her death on October 17, 1940. A fourth book, "The Power of the Spoken Word" is a compendium of her notes, gathered by one of her students and published posthumously in 1945.

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Though not a large book, this is a very worthwhile read and easily digested in bites. So if you only have small bits of time to sit and read, you won't get lost with this one. In rebuttal of previous negative reviews, part of my background and education is a degree in Theology, and further studies into world religions and ancient texts. As someone who understands extensive biblical study - and I mean cross referencing original greek, aramaic and hebrew texts, as well as many, many authors and researchers works, writing theses and all the other such efforts required in such education and credentials, I still find this book compelling. It was not the easiest read for me initially as Florence speaks in terms of things that I had never, at the time, really heard much of before. It was a new kind of thinking for me. The only reason why I was reading the book was because an 80+ year old lady recommended it to me and asked me to. I found myself challenged in thought/perception, moral philosophy and interpretation by a book written in 1925! And unlike anything I had read up until that time. There were times I was very frustrated by what I read. Yet, in the end, I not only could not argue with her assertions and interpretations, I found truth and peace in them. The experience catalytically changed my perspective, opened my world and even improved my life in doing so. Today, there is no other book in my collection (of multiple bookcases of various sources) with more permanently housed bookmarks and notations. I could not now recommend a book more highly than this one for self-improvement. It is very positively written with hope and love. Remember that the creation of reality begins with the foundation of thought.

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