

# Arts & Entertainment

Each issue we bring you reviews of the latest films, books and music in our quest to find what's quirky, inspirational, weird and wonderful

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Genius  
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Excellent  
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Good  
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So-so  
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Poor

## Inspired by a book?

Has a book changed your life and perspective? If so, why not send in your own review (200 words) along with a photo of yourself, explaining how and why that book had such an impact on you. We hope to use your contributions in the magazine and possibly a future special edition of *Kindred Spirit*.

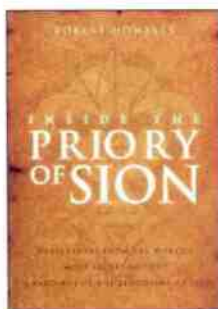
## Books

### Inside the Priory of Sion

By Robert Howells

(Watkins Publishing, £12.99)

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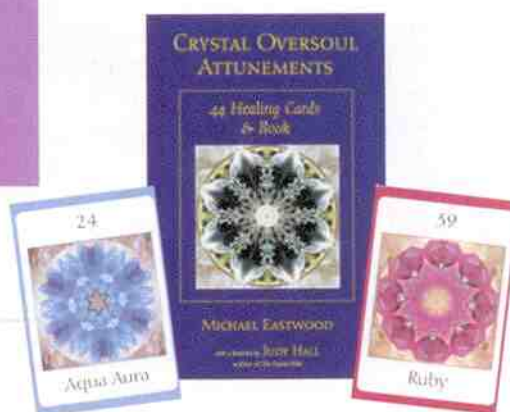


The Priory of Sion came to the mainstream world's attention through the popularity of the book and film of *The Da Vinci Code*. For the reader who wants to know

more about the origins of this order and its knowledge of temples, alchemy, art, symbolism and esoteric wisdom, this book provides an excellent resource. This is the first publication that has examined the priests of Rennes-le-Chateau and is sourced from both historical research and communication with representatives of the Priory of Sion itself.

It is an academic work and the author has followed a line of investigation centred on four main areas: the first is the Priory order, the second the Mysteries (including the geography, buildings and relics); next he covers the Bloodlines, and finally, the outcomes in world history anticipated by the members of

the order. Very detailed and thorough, it is not a light read. But it is definitely recommended for anyone with more than a passing interest in this subject.  
*Anne Feakes*



### Crystal Oversoul Attunements: 44 Healing Cards & Book

By Michael Eastwood

(Findhorn Press, £14.99)

★★★★★

For children of Atlantis out there with a hefty collection of stones, this set of cards with a guidebook is a wonderful way to explore some intriguing meditative dimensions of 44 different crystals. As soon as I flicked through the book and saw pretty much all of my fave rocks – moldavite, tanzanite, fairy quartz, danburite and more, I knew I was in safe hands, but there are numerous unusual/expensive stones here, and the attunements are much more effective when you're cradling a specimen itself, so things could get very pricey, or simply frustrating. And beginners, beware: some spreads need up to 16 quartz points.

Eastwood's mandalas are in themselves very beautiful and it is clear that this pack has been put together with much affection, knowledge and respect. Little practical information is given on

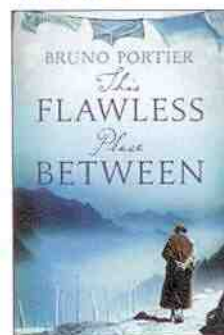
laying out a grid or preparation for crystal work, perhaps because he senses he is working through this pack with out-and-out rock freaks. I would also have liked an interpretation of an 'Oversoul', since it features so heavily in the set. However, this lovely attunement tool will form an integral part of my own journey and I look forward to more messages from Lemuria soon. *Sarah Scott*

### This Flawless Place Between

By Bruno Portier

(Oneworld Publications, £10.99)

★★★★★



This novel, inspired by the Tibetan Book of the Dead, one of the world's most influential treasures, centres on the tale of Anne and Evan, who set off on a journey to Tibet. Enjoying

the freedom cruising along by motorbike through the sacred mountains, they encounter Tsepel – an elderly man who appears in the road, causing Evan to skid into a deep ravine.

Evan survives, but Anne's injuries cause her transition from this world into the place in between lives, where she relives many moments of happiness and sadness. The vice grip she has on identification with herself and her life causes her to spend time in denial, close by her corpse, yet Tsepel assists her through this passage with the wisdom of prayer, opening her to the truth of the transition.

The novel is fast-paced, highly descriptive and, at times, almost poetic in vivid elaboration. Although the subject may seem rather bleak, we can all benefit from the message