# Secret Societies: A Look From The Inside Out

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For centuries, Secret Societies have been veiled in shrouds of secrecy. This booklet will take you on a journey beyond the secrecy to reveal some societies inner workings. You'll get an overview of Secret Societies and an explanation of their rites. You'll learn how to categorize Secret Societies and will look at their prominent features.

Why do people join Secret Societies? How does a twelve year old join? The story of my nine year membership in the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, an affiliated junior Masonic Order for teenage girls, begins with my initiation at age 12, continues with my rise to leadership on the local level, to holding a position on the state level. My petition for a withdrawal to leave Rainbow was never honored.

This booklet will compare affiliated Masonic orders for women and children to Freemasonry, Rainbow's parent organization. Finally, the basic beliefs and practices of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (Freemasonry) will be covered.

The only secret left about Secret Societies is that there are no secrets left. Come get an inside look from someone who has come out!

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