

## *Received for Review*

*12 Miracles of Spiritual Growth: A Path of Healing from the Gospels.* By E. Kent Rogers. Swedenborg Foundation, 2012. ISBN: 078-0 87785-343-5, paperback, 232pp. Price: \$15.95.

From the back cover: "One thing that is often missing in current Christian writings is honesty and openness. Kent Rogers [. . .] bucks the trend and shares openly and honestly from his heart, his life, and his insights into the Scriptures. I believe that anyone who reads this deeply personal and passionately written work will be challenged to reflect on their journey and the healing that may need to take place in their life . . . I have been enriched, challenged, and stretched by reading it and I believe you will be too." (Rendell Day, Pastor, Katmandu International Christian Congregation)

Kent Rogers says in the Introduction: "I started writing this book after having looked deeply at a few of Jesus' healings. I found that the more I looked into these accounts, the more meaningful and personally therapeutic they became. I discovered that Jesus could heal me of spiritual problems today just as miraculously as he healed the physical problems of men

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and women two thousand years ago” (p. ix). He structures the book on twelve miracles he selected, ordering them as they occur in the Gospels. I really like the idea of getting help in dealing with our internal spiritual struggles through examination of and reflection on the Lord’s healings; I look forward to reading this book closely.

Available at: [www.swedenborg.com](http://www.swedenborg.com) and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

*Swedenborg: An Introduction to His Life and Ideas.* By Gary Lachman. Jeremy P. Tarcher/Penguin. Published by the Penguin Group, 2012. (© 2009 by The Swedenborg Society). ISBN: 978-1-58542-938-7, paperback, 226pp. Price: \$16.95.

From the back cover: “Lachman identifies all the roles Swedenborg inhabited (spiritual thinker, psychic, scientist, statesman, traveler, and possible even spy) and does an exceptionally good job of suggesting why the little-known polymath deserves more substantial critical attention” — *The Independent on Sunday* (UK)

Available at: [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

*The Swedish Prophet: Reflections on the Visionary Philosophy of Emanuel Swedenborg.* By José Antón-Pacheco. Translated by Steven Skattebo. Swedenborg Foundation, 2012. ISBN: 978-0-87785-342-8, paperback, 200pp. Price: \$19.95.

From the back cover: “An important accomplishment that sets Swedenborg in his proper context of esoteric Christianity and reveals his unprecedented and surprising influence on famous authors.” —Eugene Taylor, PhD, author of *Shadow Culture: Psychology and Spirituality in America*

“José Antón-Pacheco is a professor of the history of philosophy at the University of Seville in Spain . . . He founded the Swedenborg Society of Spain, as well as the Center for Comparative Spiritual Studies and the Seminary for Comparative Hermeneutics.”

Available at: [www.swedenborg.com](http://www.swedenborg.com) and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

*A History of the Swedenborg Society, 1910–2010.* By Richard Lines. South Vale Press, 2012. ISBN: 978-1-4710-1274-7, hardcover, 2445pp., with twenty-seven archival images. Price: £19.95.

From the back cover: “In *A HISTORY OF THE SWEDENBORG SOCIETY*, Richard Lines tell the story of the Society’s growth from a local to a worldwide membership, its moves from the drawing rooms of members’ houses to its famous grade-II listed headquarters in the heart of literary Bloomsbury.”

“*A HISTORY OF THE SWEDENBORG SOCIETY* should not only delight all those with an interest in the Society, but it will also offer insight into literary circles of the nineteenth century, subsequent publishing developments of the twentieth century and the Swedenborgian role in such diverse causes and curiosities as the anti-slavery movement, the freedom of the Russian serfs, spiritualism, homeopathy and prize fighting.”

Writing a history of an institution may not come high on the priority list of things to be done, but it is nonetheless a vital enterprise for it. Without a knowledge of its history, an institution is in a state of amnesia and can thus lose as sense of its mission. The forty-three pages of endnotes are testimony to the meticulous care Richard Lines has taken in researching material for this priceless book.

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