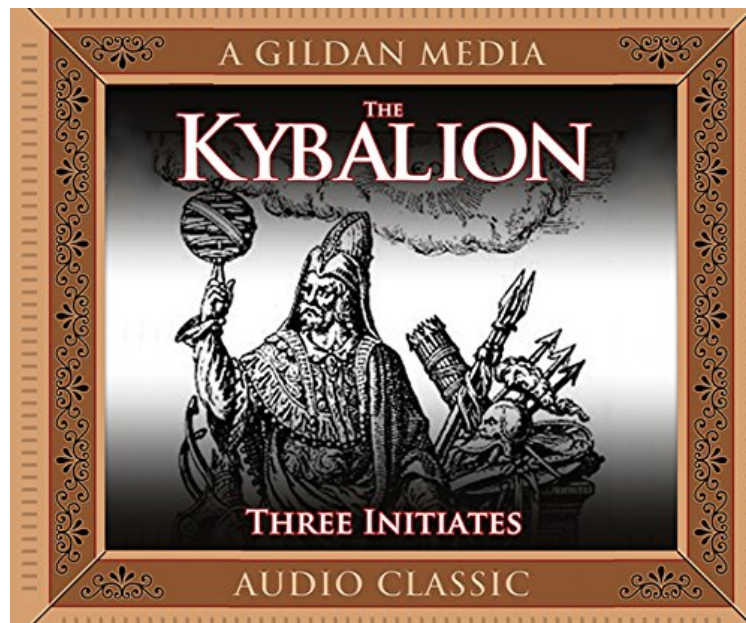


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About the Author The identity of Three Initiates has been the subject of much secrecy and rumor since The Kybalion first appeared at the beginning of the twentieth century. These students were tutored by Hermes Trismegistus (the father of the occult, the founder of astrology, the discoverer of alchemy) on his supposed understanding of the universe and our relationship with it. A nationally known writer, speaker, and publisher in alternative spirituality, Mitch Horowitz is the author of "One Simple Idea: How Positive Thinking Reshaped Modern Life" ('Brilliant' -Deepak Chopra; 'A tour de force' -Washington Times) and "Occult America," winner of the 2010 PEN Oakland/Josephine Miles Award for literary excellence.