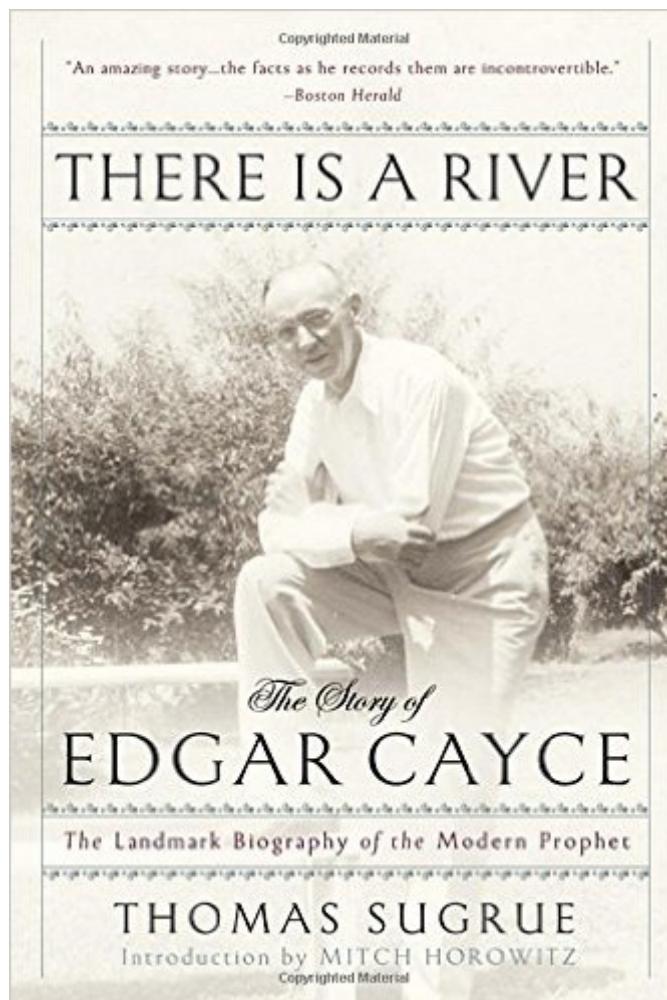


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A new edition of the landmark, worldwide bestseller on the life of the famed medical clairvoyant and founding father of the New Age: Edgar Cayce. Edgar Cayce (1877-1945) is known to millions today as the grandfather of the New Age. A medical clairvoyant, psychic, and Christian mystic, Cayce provided medical, psychological, and spiritual advice to thousands of people who swore by the effectiveness of his trance-based readings. But Cayce was not always a household name. When a young, skeptical journalist named Thomas Sugrue first met Cayce in 1927 the world had not yet heard of the "sleeping prophet." During years of unique access, Sugrue completed his landmark biography, which on its publication in 1942 brought national attention to Cayce and stands as the sole record written during the seer's lifetime. This edition includes a new introduction by historian Mitch Horowitz that highlights the enduring significance of Cayce's message and the role this book played in its dissemination.

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Customer Reviews

Much of this book is ordinary - documenting in chronological order both the mundane and fascinating events in the life of a most enigmatic man. If you're considering reading this book it's probably because you've already read something else about Edgar Cayce or a part of the body of philosophy that has grown out of his "readings". This book will provide the story of his life: How he came upon his "gift", how he struggled with it, how he used it, and ultimately how he never quite understood it and was never able to establish anything lasting from it. Not very much attention is

given to the huge body of metaphysical thought that came from his readings, however there is a 15-page summary of the resulting "theology" at the end of the book that outlines the implications of it all. Where the book fails is that it never really wrestles with whether or not the resulting theology is "true". It demonstrates how EC throughout his life questioned whether the gift might be co-opted and used for an evil purpose, but other than saying "people are being helped so it must be good" the author didn't ask the tough questions and apparently neither did the Cayce family. And, although affirming Jesus Christ and Christianity there is very little effort put into reconciling the Cayce philosophy with the New Testament. They iron out a few wrinkles but ignore obvious objections. The philosophy could almost boil down to "Hinduism is mostly right and Jesus showed us the right way to live". Nevertheless, the Cayce take on Christianity avoids some of the obvious pitfalls of the fundamental Christian take on the Bible. If this review sounds confusing it's because, as this book unintentionally makes clear, Edgar Cayce's life and legacy are confusing. He had an odd gift that no one quite figured out.

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