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**Gary Lachman** was born in Bayonne, New Jersey, and has lived in London since 1996. He is a full-time writer with more than a dozen books to his name on topics ranging from the evolution of consciousness and the Western esoteric tradition to literature and suicide and the history of popular culture. Lachman writes frequently for journals in the US and UK and lectures on his work in the internationally. His work has been translated into several languages. Mr. Lachman's books include *Madame Blavatsky: The Mother of Modern Spirituality* (2012); *Rudolf Steiner: An Introduction to His Life and Work* (2007); *Jung the Mystic: The Esoteric Dimensions of Carl Jung's Life and Teachings* (2010); *The Quest for Hermes Trismegistus* (Floris, 2011); and *A Secret History of Consciousness* (Lindisfarne, 2003).

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