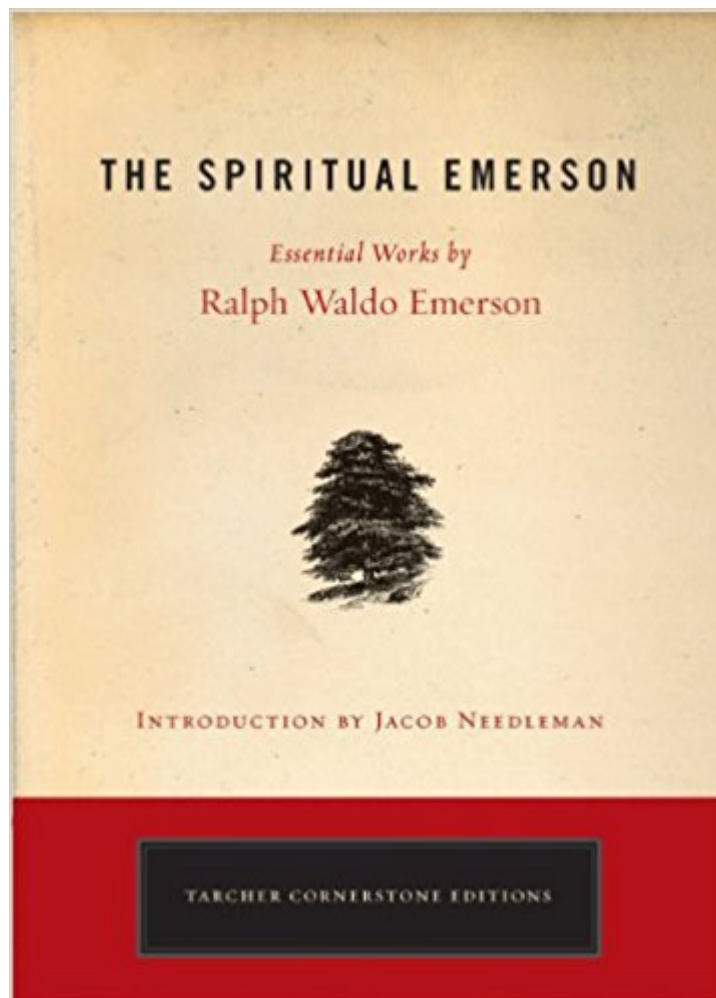




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# The Spiritual Emerson: Essential Works By Ralph Waldo Emerson (Tarcher Cornerstone Editions)



## Synopsis

This concise volume collects the core writings that have made Ralph Waldo Emerson into a key source of insight for spiritual seekers of every faith with an introduction by the bestselling philosopher Jacob Needleman. Here is the essential collection of Emerson's spiritual thought for those readers who understand the transformative quality of ideas. It is concise and suited to years of rereading and contemplation, offering the essays that trace the arc of the inner message brought by America's "Yankee Mystic." The Spiritual Emerson features many of Emerson's landmark works. Yet also included are overlooked classics, such as the essays "Fate" and "Success," which served as major sources of inspiration to some of the leading American metaphysical thinkers of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The introduction by religious scholar and philosopher Jacob Needleman frames "historically and philosophically" the development of Emerson's thought and explores why it has such a powerful hold on us today.

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Ralph Waldo Emerson was born in 1803, in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1836, Emerson co-founded the Transcendental Club and published his book-length essay "Nature," which is often considered a major milestone in the Transcendentalist movement. One of the most revered figures in the history of American letters, Emerson died in 1882. The acclaimed author of *Why Can't We Be Good?*, *The American Soul*, and *Money and the Meaning of Life*, Jacob Needleman is a professor of philosophy at San Francisco State University. --This text refers to an out of print or

unavailable edition of this title.

I liked the book because the title exactly describes the contents. It is Ralph Waldo Emerson discussing the human condition from a spiritual standpoint. The fact that he thought all this back in the 19th century is already impressive. His words have a timeless characteristic to them, and they are very relevant today in our post-modern world where we are, like it or not, seeking for spiritual guidance and religion just doesn't cut it anymore. The first answer to this phenomenon is atheism, yet the book does a great job explaining why this is happening as well. It took me about a couple of months to get through it - taking my time while reading other books. I've read similar books like Krishnamurti's 'talks and dialogues', but RWE is more personal and direct, so to speak. Overall, it exceeded my expectations knowing very little of RWE, and now I feel like I know the best part of him. This book makes me want to read more of his literature and not necessarily related to spirituality, but just to get a more complete picture of who this man was and what made him write so eloquently about this topic. Definitely recommended to whomever wants a break from typical cheap store literature.

I purchased this book because Jacob Needleman had written the foreword. However, after reading it, I think it is an important to be read at this time. The first section, Self-Reliance, is worth the price alone. Emerson points out the need for each of us to rely not on government or others for our needs, but through ourselves first by finding our inner self and using it to go forward. After you rely on yourself alone, you can then help others and let them help you when necessary.

All the readings contained in this volume outline the most essential of Emerson's essays regarding transcendental spiritualism. Ideal for both students of Emerson and the general public who are curious about Emerson, his spiritual beliefs, and spirituality that transcends conventional understanding of "religion." This is a great book for those searching for meaning and fulfillment in life and unable to find understanding and comfort in the confining space of organized religion. Emerson is a challenging read with his complex writing style, but well worth the effort because of the valuable information contained within this book. A great read.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, simple truth buy it.

A great book. Learned a lot about Emerson I did not know.

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