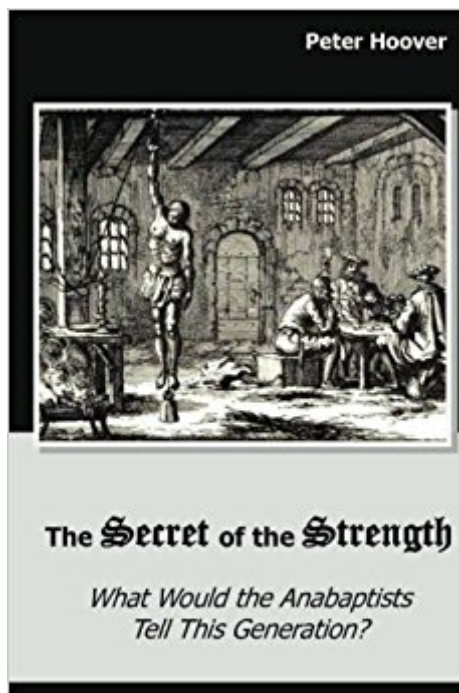




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# The Secret Of The Strength: What Would The Anabaptists Tell This Generation?



## Synopsis

“The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you,” Christ told his followers. And a few fishermen, a tax collector, and a motley group of believers set out to change the world. In fact, they succeeded. In 16th century Europe, the Anabaptists preaching in cities by night, on back streets, and in secret corners behind rail fences set out to do the very thing the apostles had done. They, too, turned the world of their day upside down. What was the secret of their strength? In this book, Hoover explains what gave the Anabaptists their incredible spiritual strength. Was their secret a return to the Bible? No, they were far more than Biblicists. Was it a return to apostolic tradition? No, they were far more than keepers of tradition. Fundamentalism and traditionalism have never held Christianity together nor made it work. The “secret of the kingdom of God” is stunningly simple. With two words Christ revealed it to His disciples. Upon comprehending it, His disciples came to a sudden knowledge of the will of God, of the whole Bible, and of the right way to live. This book is more than an Anabaptist history; it is a challenge to all Christ-followers to put the teachings of Jesus into practice and to be part of a Kingdom movement that transcends the man-made boundaries of denomination.

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Peter Hoover (born 1960) is an author familiar to many conservative Christians of Anabaptist and similar heritage in the United States, Canada and western Europe. He is a member of the non-sectarian Rocky Cape Christian Community in Tasmania, Australia. Born in Canada, Peter has also worked in Mexico, Costa Rica, United States, Chile, and Australia. Hoover's books have

focused on the stories of Christians in recent centuries who have most closely reflected the relationships, values, zeal and impact which Christians originally claimed in the New Testament and ante-Nicene period. His books include Secret of the Strength (What Would the Anabaptists Tell This Generation?), which is published in both English [1] a German edition in Europe (as Feuertaufe. Das radikale Leben der Täufer. Eine Provokation) [2] , and an online Spanish edition. Also, he has written Behold the Lamb (The Story of the Moravian Church), and The Russians' Secret (What Christians Today Would Survive Persecution?)[3] , and The Mystery of the Mark: Anabaptist Missions under the Fire of God [4] . In 2006, Hoover was featured on the American television program, Dr. Phil, for his involvement in an effort to find and recover the children of an American mother whose father was concealing them in a Christian community in Belize. In 2010, Hoover was subject to a brain tumor. It was surgically removed in the Hobart Royal hospital on 14 July, taking away much of his ability to read and write, but he has since regained most of his former abilities.

--This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

A must read for any aspiring anabaptist.

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Awesome Book on Anabaptists!

Good thoughts and history on living the Christian life.

The research that went into this book is incredible. The book is worth it just for the frequent quotes from the Anabaptists own mouths. However, Peter Hoover also gives a great description of the original Anabaptist life and faith and an insightful analysis of why the Anabaptists' descendants, the Mennonites and Amish, have lost the power of their ancestors. The Anabaptist movement was known as "The Radical Reformation." It occurred at the same time as the Reformation of Martin Luther, John Calvin, and Ulrich Zwingli, but was divorced from government. Without governmental power, the Anabaptists were persecuted rather than engaging in war, and they bore a much greater resemblance to the early churches than any of the Protestant movements. The Anabaptists are frequently cited as forebears by modern Protestant denominations, but this book makes clear the vast difference between the original Anabaptists and any modern sect.

This is an excellent book. The best all around, easy to read, compilation of Anabaptist writings with the challenge to look back and learn but move forward with the knowledge we now have. God help us to remain faithful. Thanks Peter

This is one of my favorite books. Anabaptists appeared to be a genuine movement of the Spirit. The Spirit didn't stay with the name "Anabaptists" but God is raising up men and women today as well.

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