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Witches of America Alex Mar 2015-10-20 "Witches are gathering." When most people hear the word "witches," they think of horror films and Halloween, but to the nearly one million Americans who practice Paganism today, it's a nature-worshipping, polytheistic, and very real religion. So Alex Mar discovers when she sets out to film a documentary and finds herself drawn deep into the world of present-day witchcraft. Witches of America follows Mar on her immersive five-year trip into the occult, charting modern Paganism from its roots in 1950s England to its current American mecca in the San Francisco Bay Area; from a gathering of more than a thousand witches in the Illinois woods to the New Orleans branch of one of the world's most influential magical societies. Along the way she takes part in dozens of rituals and becomes involved with a wild array of characters: a government employee who founds a California priesthood dedicated to a Celtic goddess of war; American disciples of Aleister Crowley, whose elaborate ceremonies turn the Catholic mass on its head; second-wave feminist Wiccans who practice a radical separatist witchcraft; a growing "mystery cult" whose initiates trace their rites back to a blind shaman in rural Oregon. This sprawling magical community compels Mar to confront what she believes is possible-or hopes might be. With keen intelligence and wit, Mar illuminates the world of witchcraft while grappling in fresh and unexpected ways with the question underlying all faiths: Why do we choose to believe in anything at all? Whether evangelical, Pagan priestess, or atheist, each of us craves a system of meaning to give structure to our lives. Sometimes we just find it in unexpected places.

Sun Lore Gwydion O'Hara 1997 "Sun Lore" offers a bridge between the primitive man-who lived and worshiped according to those things that were beyond his understanding--and the modern man of reason, who attempts to analyze the world in which he lives. These 50 illustrated tales present a celebration of the sun worshipers of ancient times, offered up for the insight and enjoyment of their descendants who dwell in an age of science.

A Wiccan Bible A.J. Drew 2003-08-15 "If there is one quote from this book which deserves to be emblazoned on the opening pages of your Book of Shadows; above the door of your house (or temple); and in every mind it is this: 'Wicca is not a place to go, it is a journey to take.'"—Spiral Nature For thousands of years, we have been told that God was a man. Then someone reminded us of when God was a woman. Now we have a reference for the sensible folk who have always felt that it takes two. If you have ever thought there was more to religion than ancient rituals performed for reasons unknown, this book will show you exactly what you have been looking for. If you have already come to the realization that Wicca is the religion for you, this book will help fill those many blanks that have been left by other books. Author A.J. Drew makes no attempt to dictate religious dogma or routine. He is quick to point out that the title does not start with the word the. He illustrates the many issues a person's religion should address and shows how he has been able to find answers to those issues through the practice of a modern religion that was based on some of the oldest principles of the ancient world. A Wiccan Bible takes you through the journey of life in three stages: • Maiden and Master: Creation, Wiccaning, and Self-dedication. • Mother and Father: Initiation, Handfasting/Handparting, and the Wheel of the Year. • Crone and Sage: Community, the world, and death. Mythology and science converge as the author details a life's journey into a religion with both old world ritual and new world science, fusing both into a creation myth which satisfies not only mind, but soul as well. A Wiccan Bible not only shows a religious path filled with joy, but one that offers the ability to accept and manage sorrow. It is filled with ritual and with the reasons why ritual is fulfilling, rewarding, and a necessary part of everyday life. As A.J. addresses each issue, he demonstrates not only how he found the solutions in Wicca, and the many ways in which science and magick have helped him to do so. A Wiccan Bible also contains select recipes that the author has collected, including mixtures for incense, oils, and baths. **Writer's Guide to Book Editors, Publishers, and Literary Agents, 1998-1999** Jeff Herman 1997 "A real find for the aspiring writer."--"The Associated Press "In-depth information."--"The Writer Who are they? What do they want? How do you win them over? Find the answers to these questions and more in the 1998-1999 edition of the "Writer's Guide to Book Editors, Publishers, and Literary Agents by Jeff Herman. Filled with "the information authors and aspiring authors need in order to avoid having a manuscript end up in the "slush pile," this comprehensive listing is organized in an easy-to-use format. It includes in-depth information about publishing houses and literary agents in the United States and Canada. The specifics include the names and addresses of editors and agents, what they're looking for, commission rates, and other key information. In addition, readers will discover the most common mistakes people make while attempting to solicit an agent (and how to avoid them) as well as numerous suggestions designed to increase the chances of getting representation. "Writer's Guide to Book Editors, Publishers, and Literary Agents also includes dozens of valuable essays giving readers insight and guidance into such topics as: - How to Write the Perfect Query Letter - The Knockout Nonfiction Book Proposal - How to Thrive After Signing a Publishing Contract - Mastering Ghostwriting and Collaboration - Free Versus Fee: The Issue of Literary Agency Fees About the Author "Jeff Herman is the founder of The Jeff Herman Literary Agency, a leading New York agency. He has sold hundreds of titles and represents dozens of top authors. Herman frequently speaks to writer's groups and at conferences on the topic of getting published.

Palliative Care Nursing Gary Martin, PhD 2009-12-17 This textbook has...introduced concepts and methods of education which [help] to move palliative nursing forward as an evidenced based practice of whole person care. -- Betty Ferrell, PhD, FAAN Research Scientist (From the Foreword) In this comprehensive textbook on palliative care nursing, editors Marianne Matzo and Deborah Witt Sherman succeed in bringing together the heart of nursing and the true meaning of palliative care with the most current evidence based practice. --GeriPal Palliative care is a philosophy of caregiving that integrates disease modification with supportive, compassionate therapies for patients at the end of life. Palliative care nurses are responsible for alleviating pain and other physical symptoms-along with satisfying the emotional, social, cultural, and spiritual needs of patients who are facing life-threatening illness. This third edition of Palliative Care Nursing provides more comprehensive newly updated content, knowledge, attitudes, skills, and cutting-edge teaching and learning strategies to achieve the AACN End-of-Life nursing competencies providing a lifespan approach. Now in its third edition, this book continues to emphasize the value of complementary, holistic modalities in promoting health, wholeness, and wellness, even as death approaches. Key topics discussed: Ethical aspects of palliative care Legal aspects of end-of-life decision-making Loss, suffering, grief, and bereavement on the part of patients and their families Symptom-specific nursing management of pain, anxiety, depression, fatigue, malnutrition, and dehydration-all common to palliative care How to communicate with the seriously ill and dying patients, their families, and their health care providers Disease-specific aspects of palliative care for those battling cancer, heart disease, lung disease, HIV/AIDS, end-stage renal and liver disease, neurological, and other disorders

Magical Religion and Modern Witchcraft James R. Lewis 1996-01-01 Provides an overview of neo-paganism from the Goddess to magic and rituals, from history and ethics to the relationship of neo-paganism to Christianity.

Pop! Goes the Witch Fiona Horne 2004-07-01 Fiona Horne—bestselling author and popular media personality—has compiled the ultimate insight into modern Witchcraft. Continuing the successful, oversize Disinformation Guide anthology format, an all-star cast of Witches and Wiccans cover an amazing array of topics.

Contemporary Authors 1998

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Wicca and Witchcraft Denise Zimmermann 2003 Offers information on the theory, ritual, tradition, and history of Wicca, including advice on how to practice the magical art.

Celtic Myth & Magick Edain McCoy 2013-01-01 Tap into the mythic power of the Celtic goddesses, gods, heroes, and heroines to aid your spiritual quests and magical goals. Human and divine energies complement each other; when joined, they become a potent catalyst for true magick and change. Celtic Myth & Magick describes the energies of over 300 cross-referenced Celtic deities and heroic figures so you can quickly determine which one can best help you in attaining specific goals through magick—such as greater prosperity (Cernunnos), glowing health (Airmid), or a soul partner (Aengus MacOg). This guidebook explains how to use creative Pagan ritual and pathworking to align yourself with the energy of these powerful archetypes. Undertake three magical quests to the inner plane—where you'll join forces with Cuchulain, Queen Maeve, and Merlin the Magician to bring their energies directly into your life. This inspiring, well-researched book is written especially for solitary Pagans who seek to expand the boundaries of their practice to form working partnerships with the divine.

New Age, Neopagan, and New Religious Movements Hugh B. Urban 2015-09-15 *New Age, Neopagan, and New Religious Movements* is the most extensive study to date of modern American alternative spiritual currents. Hugh B. Urban covers a range of emerging religions from the mid-nineteenth century to the present, including the Nation of Islam, Mormonism, Scientology, ISKCON, Wicca, the Church of Satan, Peoples Temple, and the Branch Davidians. This essential text engages students by addressing major theoretical and methodological issues in the study of new religions and is organized to guide students in their learning. Each chapter focuses on one important issue involving a particular faith group, providing readers with examples that illustrate larger issues in the study of religion and American culture. Urban addresses such questions as, Why has there been such a tremendous proliferation of new spiritual forms in the past 150 years, even as our society has become increasingly rational, scientific, technological, and secular? Why has the United States become the heartland for the explosion of new religious movements? How do we deal with complex legal debates, such as the use of peyote by the Native American Church or the practice of plural marriage by some Mormon communities? And how do we navigate issues of religious freedom and privacy in an age of religious violence, terrorism, and government surveillance?

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Wicca and Witchcraft, 3rd Edition Denise Zimmerman 2006-08-01 An invaluable resource for beginners and adepts alike, this best-selling and frequently recommended book on Wiccan magic and witchcraft has been updated and revised, now featuring a Year-and-a-Day calendar for the solitaire who is beginning to explore Wicca on his or her own. Loads of new spells New for this edition: A Year-and-a-Day calendar; Expanded information on creating a personal grimoire and book of Shadows, the witch's spell manual and bible.

Magical Religion and Modern Witchcraft James R. Lewis 1996-04-19 Provides an overview of neo-paganism from the Goddess to magic and rituals, from history and ethics to the relationship of neo-paganism to Christianity.

Celebrating The Seasons with Children Helen Royall 2016-11-29 Celebrating The Seasons follows the seasons of Mother Earth. This wonderful treasury of stories enthuses children with the beauty of nature, engages them in creative activities and offers soul food for the imagination. Helen Royall describes vividly the ancient festivals of Samhaine, Imbolc, Beltaine and Lammass, each with fascinating stories, crafts, food and songs for us all to enjoy. She brings the ancient Goddesses alive, relating them to each season. Topics include: - The Celtic Festivals and Seasons - The Goddesses - Nature tables and crafts for the seasons - Year round rituals and rites of passage - Nurturing health, self respect, creativity and spirituality. Helen Royall is interested in many aspects of life. She celebrates each season to the full with her family, drawing on the enduring power of the old festivals for personal renewal and for caring for the earth.

Entering the Summerland Edain McCoy 1996 All of us at some time will suffer bereavement. For Pagans, isolated from a community which shares their spiritual viewpoint of death and the afterlife, the attempts to express their grief through cathartic rituals is even more difficult.

Practical Candleburning Rituals Raymond Buckland 1982 A guide to practicing and performing simple candle rituals collected from around the world, providing detailed instructions for preparation, and including rituals to break up a love affair, to overcome a bad habit, to protect against evil, to conquer fear, to arouse jealousy, and more.

Buckland's Book of Gypsy Magic Raymond Buckland 2010-05-01 Weaving together Lore, legend, and belief Buckland's Book of Gypsy Magic revives the beliefs, spell-craft, and healing wisdom of the Romany people. From hexes and healings to tea leaves and tarot, the circle of the family and the rituals of death, this enchanted volume will delight witches, folklorists, and history lovers alike. Learn the shuvani's secrets for love, craft a talisman for vitality, and cast the Gypsy Start tarot spread. Join Buckland around the campfire, to hear stories of werewolves and vampires, mistaken identity, persecution, and perseverance. Learn how the gypsy people have for centuries used wisdom and enchantments to ensure good health, happy families, and heart's desire. Includes a glossary of Romany words.

Summerwater Sarah Moss 2021-01-12 A BEST BOOK OF JANUARY: O Magazine A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR in the UK: The Guardian,

The Times "[Moss] writes beautifully about... souls in tumult, about people whose lives have not turned out the way they'd hoped. . .There's little doubt, reading Moss, that you're in the hands of a sophisticated and gifted writer." –Dwight Garner, The New York Times The acclaimed author of Ghost Wall offers a new, devastating, masterful novel of subtle menace They rarely speak to each other, but they take notice—watching from the safety of their cabins, peering into the half-lit drizzle of a Scottish summer day, making judgments from what little they know of their temporary neighbors. On the longest day of the year, the hours pass nearly imperceptibly as twelve people go from being strangers to bystanders to allies, their attention forced into action as tragedy sneaks into their lives. At daylight, a mother races up the mountain, fleeing into her precious dose of solitude. A retired man studies her return as he reminisces about the park's better days. A young woman wonders about his politics as she sees him head for a drive with his wife, and tries to find a moment away from her attentive boyfriend. A teenage boy escapes the scrutiny of his family, braving the dark waters of the loch in a kayak. This cascade of perspective shows each wrapped up in personal concerns, unknown to each other, as they begin to notice one particular family that doesn't seem to belong. Tensions rise, until nightfall brings an irrevocable turn. From Sarah Moss, the acclaimed author of Ghost Wall—a "riveting" (Alison Hagy, The New York Times Book Review) "sharp tale of suspense" (Margaret Tablot, The New Yorker), Summerwater is a searing exploration of our capacity for kinship and cruelty, and a gorgeous evocation of the natural world that bears eternal witness.

The Witch Book Raymond Buckland 2002 Provides 560 alphabetically-arranged entries covering the people, events, literature, and places associated with historical and contemporary occultism.

Circle Network News 1998

Circle Round Starhawk 2020-09-15 In our rushed, stressed society, it's sometimes difficult to spend meaningful time as a family. Now Starhawk, Diane Baker, and Anne Hill offer new ways to foster a sense of togetherness through celebrations that honor the sacredness of life and our Mother Earth. Goddess tradition embraces the wheel of life, the never-ending cycle of birth, growth, love, fulfillment, and death. Each turn of the wheel is presented here, in eight holidays spanning the changing seasons, in rites of passage for life transitions, and in the elements of fire, air, water, earth, and spirit. Circle Round is rich with songs, rituals, craft and cooking projects, and read-aloud stories, as well as suggestions for how you can create your own unique family traditions. Here are just some of the ways to make each event in the cycle of life more special: Mark Summer Solstice by making sweet-smelling herb pillows for good dreams Send a teenager off to college with the Leaving Behind and Carrying With rituals Comfort an injured child with the Tree of Life meditation Commemorate a loved one by planting or donating a tree As a one-of-a-kind resource for people of many faiths and beliefs, Circle Round will be a beloved companion in your home for years to come.

Lady of the Night Edain McCoy 1995 Guide to the pagan lore & rituals associated with the moon.

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Paganism Carl McColman 2002-04-01 You're no idiot, of course. But finding the perfect expression of your spirituality can prove long and challenging. You might already be attracted to paganism, but considering the variety of traditions and paths that fall in this category, you need a spiritual guide. Seek no further! Whether you're interested in following the pagan path or just curious to know more, 'The Complete Idiot's Guide to Paganism' will enlighten you on this fascinating array of nature-based beliefs and practices. In this 'Complete Idiot's Guide', you'll learn about the basic principles of shamanism, druidism, Wicca and more. How to deepen your connection to the Goddess, the God, and nature. The fundamentals of meditation, magic, divination, and spiritual healing. Tips on incorporating pagan rituals into your modern lifestyle.

Making Magick Edain McCoy 1997 Through exercises designed to develop basic skills, "Making Magick" lays a firm foundation of elemental magical wisdom. The first chapters begin with an introduction to magick and how it works. The last half of the book will take readers into the advanced magical arts, which rely on highly honed skills of meditation, astral projection, visualization, and sustaining of creative energy. A complete course in natural magick.

Ostara Edain McCoy 2002 From coloring eggs with natural plant dyes to spring cleaning rituals to spells for love and lust, this book helps readers connect with the spirit of the Ostara festival and incorporate its rituals and customs, both ancient and new, into their own Ostara celebrations. Illustrations.

Pet Loss Eleanor L. Harris 1997 Mourning your pet is indeed normal and should be recognized and carried out in a healthy and constructive manner. Harris gently guides you though the stages of the grieving process. Through healing meditations and ceremonies, she teaches you how to cope with your bereavement and how to reunite with your pet on a spiritual level.

The Witch's Coven Edain McCoy 2003 A practical and informative look at how modern-day covens operate, with a keen eye toward choosing the right coven to suit one's own practices and beliefs. Structures for teaching circles, as well as methods for mediating conflicts are also nicely covered in this guide. Many of the general principles laid forth apply wholeheartedly, not just to Wiccan and Pagan groups, but to organizations, clubs, and gatherings of all types and categories.

Wicca for Life Raymond Buckland 2018-01-30 "Wicca for Life is a step-by-step guide to Wicca as a lifestyle: practical, easy to read, and no-nonsense in its tone. Buckland demystifies topics such as initiation and spellcrafting, and gives down-to-earth advice on how to embrace Wicca as a spiritual path for today. This book will be valuable on anyone's shelves as both a reference tool and as a handbook to living a fulfilling magical life." –Shelley Rabinovitch, author of The Encyclopedia of Modern Witchcraft and Neo-Paganism Wicca for Life presents a comprehensive guide to Wicca for both established followers and newcomers to the Craft, designed to carry the modern Witch through every season and aspect of life. From Wicca's ancient beginnings to its current practice worldwide, Wicca for Life encompasses the rites, rituals, and customs every practitioner needs to know. Written by Raymond Buckland, the leading U.S. authority on Wicca, this essential resource has been exhaustively researched and organized to provide guidance for Witches at all levels of skill and experience. Wicca for Life features a detailed reference to color symbolism, magical alphabets, chants and songs, and the magical properties of herbs, as well as advice on how to: · Develop natural psychic abilities and healing tendencies · Focus powers and sharpen Wiccan wishing · Block curses and open up channels for positive energy · Learn to balance the dimensions of home, using elements of feng shui · Cope with crises and ward off negativity · Improve relationships with family, friends, and lovers Within these pages, a Witch can begin the journey into the ways of the Craft or discover new ways to enrich the daily practice of life-affirming Wiccan magick.

Buckland's Complete Book of Witchcraft Raymond Buckland 1986 Buckland's Complete Book of Witchcraft has influenced and guided countless students, coven initiates, and solitaries around the world. One of modern Wicca's most recommended books, this comprehensive text features a step-by-step course in Witchcraft, with photographs and illustrations, rituals, beliefs, history, and lore, as well as instruction in spellwork, divination, herbalism, healing, channeling, dreamwork, sabbats, esbats, covens, and solitary practice. The workbook format includes exam questions at the end of each lesson, so you can build a permanent record of your spiritual and magical training. This complete self-study course in modern Wicca is a treasured classic—an essential and trusted guide that belongs in every Witch's library. Praise: "A masterpiece by one of the great Elders of the Craft. Raymond Buckland has presented a treasure trove of Wiccan lore. It is a legacy that will provide magic, beauty, and wisdom to future generations of those who seek the ancient paths of the Old Religion."—Ed Fitch, author of Magical Rites from the Crystal Well "I read Buckland's Complete Book of Witchcraft with much pleasure. This book contains enough information and know-how for all approaches: the historical, the philosophical, and the pragmatic. . . quite entertaining, as much for the armchair enthusiast as for the practicing occultist."—Marion Zimmer Bradley, author of The Mists of Avalon "Never in the history of the Craft has a single book educated as many people, spurred as many spiritual paths, or conjured as much personal possibility as Buckland's Complete Book of Witchcraft."—Dorothy Morrison, author of The Craft

Wicca and Witchcraft Denise Zimmermann 2019-06-11 Awaken your life with the God and Goddess and discover the magick of the Wiccan way Get ready to take a journey to a mystical place where anything can happen--an adventure into the realm of witchcraft, magick, and empowerment. This is a place where the wonderment and purity of childhood meet with the spiritual growth and wisdom of the adult world. Wicca and Witchcraft teaches you how to look inside yourself and let the God and Goddess empower you with spirituality, knowledge, and self-esteem, and help you appreciate the profound beauty of living in tune with nature. Along your path, you'll learn about the many types of witches, traditions, and diets of the Craft. You'll learn about the magical tools and objects and how to use them. And you'll learn how to cast spells with notions, potions, powders and more... So hop on your broom, hold on tight, and prepare to fly! *Mark Seliger Photographs* Mark Seliger 2018-05-01 Mark Seliger's (b. 1959) photography has dominated magazine covers, feature articles, and media campaigns for decades. With signature compositions and painterly flair, he has built an incredible body of work, featuring unforgettable portraits of the world's leading personalities in music, fashion, politics, business, and entertainment. This book showcases Seliger's best-known portraiture, as well as select standouts from his landscape and creative work. His extraordinary portfolio is 30 years in the making and features some of the most famous and influential faces of our time, including Kurt Cobain, Nelson Mandela, Emma Watson, Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Susan Sarandon, Drew Barrymore, Bruce Springsteen, David Byrne, Matthew Barney, Jennifer Lawrence, Mick Jagger, Lenny Kravitz, Jerry Seinfeld, Kerry Washington, Misty Copeland, Amy Schumer, and Tony Bennett. This is his most diverse and comprehensive book since *Physiognomy* (1999).

Cumulative Book Index 1996 A world list of books in the English language.

Grimoire for the Green Witch Ann Moura 2012-11-08 The author of the popular Green Witchcraft series presents her personal Book of Shadows, designed for you to use just as she uses it—as a working guide to ritual, spells, and divination. This ready-made, authentic grimoire is based on family tradition and actual magical experience, and is easily adaptable to any tradition of Witchcraft. Grimoire for the Green Witch offers a treasury of magical information—rituals for Esbats and Sabbats, correspondences, circle-casting techniques, sigils, symbols, recitations, spells, teas, oils, baths, and divinations. Every aspect of Craft practice is addressed, from the purely magical to the personally spiritual. It is a distillation of Green practice, with room for growth and new inspiration. 2004 COVR Award First Runner Up

Halloween Silver RavenWolf 1999 Offers a witch's perspective on Halloween and shares recipes, spells, Halloween superstitions, and rituals to honor the dead

Forthcoming Books Rose Arny 1996

Advanced Candle Magick Raymond Buckland 1996 Offers tips and advice for the advanced practitioner of candle magic, including how to use stones, herbs, visualization, and astrology to increase the magic power of sample rituals.

American Book Publishing Record 1996

A Witch's Guide to Faery Folk Edain McCoy 1994 All over the world, from time immemorial, people have reported encounters with a race of tiny people who are neither human nor deity, who live both inside & outside of the solid human world.

Green Egg Omelette Oberon Zell-Ravenheart 2008-11-26 Selections of poetry, art, letters, and articles from the past forty years, which reflect the history of modern Paganism, are compiled in this richly illustrated anthology that features works from Ralph Metzner, Diana Paxson, Antero Ali, Marion Zimmer Bradley, Robert Anton Wilson, Starhawk, and others.

The Spiral Dance Starhawk 2011-09-13 The twentieth anniversary edition of The Spiral Dance celebrates the pivotal role the book has had in bringing Goddess worship to the religious forefront. This bestselling classic is both an unparalleled reference on the practices and philosophies of Witchcraft and a guide to the life-affirming ways in which readers can turn to the Goddess to deepen their sense of personal pride, develop their inner power, and integrate mind, body, and spirit. Starhawk's brilliant, comprehensive overview of the growth, suppression, and modern-day re-emergence of Wicca as a Goddess-worshipping religion has left an indelible mark on the feminist spiritual consciousness. In a new introduction, Starhawk reveals the ways in which Goddess religion and the practice of ritual have adapted and developed over the last twenty years, and she reflects on the ways in which these changes have influenced and enhanced her original ideas. In the face of an ever-changing world, this invaluable spiritual guidebook is more relevant than ever.