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Encyclopedia of Wicca & Witchcraft Aug 04 2021 Grimassi has written extensively about Wicca, and Llewellyn specializes in books sympathetic to occult ways, so the combination is pretty predictable. He describes not only the usual magic practices, but also the religious and spiritual aspects of what believers say is inherited ancient European wisdom and scoffers say is made-up, new-age nonsense. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

Neopagan Spirituality Jun 14 2022

Pagan and Witch Elders of the World Apr 19 2020 The Pagan or Witch Elder is a leader who has lead by example, and teaches their wisdom to those that will listen, they have cleared the path for those to follow. We must remember and know who these Spiritual and Magical Warriors were and are, some who are still fighting in the world for our acceptance and understanding. This book is filled with hundreds of Elders (some known and some not well known) who stood tall and fought the establishment with compassion and strength, endurance and wisdom, courage, and determination, to share an ancient knowledge that has been awakened by them in the 21st century. I write this book so that our Pagan community remembers and knows who these brave Spiritual Earth Warriors were and are, and what they have given, sacrificed, and shared for the future of our world. This book is to honour all our Elders, so they are never forgotten and always honoured. MERRY WE MEET, MERRY WE PART, AND MERRY WE MEET AGAIN!

Shades of Myth Feb 27 2021 The American Neopagan Witchcraft community has made deliberate use of folklore to create a community identity and maintain social boundaries. The analysis of selected myths and legends in wide circulation among American Witches allows one to begin to understand how they define themselves and style their religion. Furthermore, Witchcraft folklore has inspired customs and practices that determine how Witches navigate the many layers of their society. Folklore has become the inspiration behind the creation of a Witchcraft community identity as well as a defining factor in how Neopagan Witches characterize themselves.

The Encyclopedia of Modern Witchcraft and Neo-Paganism Dec 20 2022 Whether you're looking for information on blessings, the Green Man, divination, ritual components, or spellwork, you can find it all in the Encyclopedia of Modern Witchcraft and Neo-Paganism. Here is the ultimate source of information on all things Wiccan and Neo-Pagan, an indispensable tool for anyone wanting to learn about the history, traditions, and major figures of modern nontraditional religions. Organized alphabetically and designed to be both clear and comprehensive, this book provides definitions and detailed entries on a wide range of subjects -- including Witchcraft, Shamanism, Gaia theory, the Burning Times, Pagan festivals, Wiccan holidays, and much more. There are essays on Witchcraft and Paganism's influence on pop culture, including the crop of Wicca-inspired books, movies, and television shows such as Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Charmed, The Craft, and the Harry Potter series. From Altar to Otter Zell, and all points in between, the illustrated Encyclopedia of Modern Witchcraft and Neo-Paganism is the first and last Wyrd on nontraditional religion -- the ultimate reference for anyone interested in past, present, and practice. Book jacket.

Neo-Pagan Witchcraft Jan 09 2022

Lifestyles of the Witch and Famous Dec 08 2021

Wicca 333 Sep 05 2021 Designed for the advanced student of Wicca. Covers topics generally overlooked in "101" books, including the history of The Wiccan Rede and The Science of Belief.

Teen Witch Aug 24 2020 Handbook on what it takes and what it means to be a real witch.

The New Generation Witches Oct 18 2022 From the shelves of mainstream bookstores and the pages of teen magazines, to popular films and television series, contemporary culture at the turn of the twenty-first century has been fascinated with teenage identity and the presence of magic and the occult. Alongside this profusion of products and representations, a global network of teenage Witches has emerged on the margins of adult neopagan Witchcraft communities, identifying themselves through various spiritual practices, consumption patterns and lifestyle choices. The New Generation Witches is the first published anthology to investigate the recent rise of the teenage Witchcraft phenomenon in both Britain and North America. Scholars from Theology, Cultural Studies, Sociology, History and Media Studies, along with neopagan commentators outside of the academy, come together to investigate the experiences of thousands of adolescents constructing an enabling, magical identity through a distinctive practice of Witchcraft. The contributors discuss key areas of interest, inspiration and development within the teen Witch communities from the mid 1990s onward, including teenage Witches' magical practices and beliefs, gender politics, the formation and identification of communities, forums and modes of expression, media representation and new media outlets. Demonstrating the diversification and expansion of neopaganism in the twenty-first century, this anthology makes an exciting contribution to the field of Neopagan Studies and contemporary youth cultures.

Introduction to New and Alternative Religions in America: Metaphysical, New Age, and neopagan movements Sep 17 2022 Annotation. Most new or alternative religious are gravely misunderstood by

members of the religious mainstream. Labeled cults or sects, groups and their members are often ridiculed or otherwise disregarded as weird and potentially dangerous by the populace at large. Despite their efforts at educating the general public, the various anti- and counter-cult activists have in fact promoted much more mis-understanding than accurate understanding of the religious lives of some of their fellow citizens. Consequently, they have helped to create a very hostile environment for anyone whose religious practices do not fit within a so-called mainstream. This set rectifies the situation by presenting accurate, comprehensive, authoritative and accessible accounts of various new and alternative religious movements that have been and are active in American society, and it addresses ways of understanding new and alternative religions within a broader context. Determining what actually constitutes a new or alternative religion is a subject of constant debate. Questions arise as to a new faith's legitimacy, beliefs, methods of conversion, and other facets of a religious movement's viability and place in a given culture. How a religion gains recognition by the mainstream, which often labels such new movements as cults, is fraught with difficulty, tension, and fear. Here, experts delineate the boundaries and examine the various groups, beliefs, movements, and other issues related to new faiths and alternative beliefs. Readers will come away with a fuller understanding of the religious landscape in America today. Volume 1: History and Controversies discusses the foundations of new and alternative religions in the United States and addresses the controversies that surround them. This volume helps readers better understand what makes a new or alternative belief system a religion and the issues involved. Volume 2: Jewish and Christian Traditions explores the various new religions that have grown out of these two Abrahamic faiths. Groups such as the Shakers, the People's Temple, the Branch Davidians, Jehovah's Witnesses and others are examined. Volume 3: Metaphysical, New Age, and Neopagan Movements looks at Shamanism, Spiritualism, Wicca, and Paganism, among other movements, as they have developed and grown in the U.S. These faiths have found new and devoted followers yet are often misunderstood. Volume 4: Asian Traditions focuses on those new and alternative religions that have been inspired by Asian religious traditions. From Baha'i to Soka Gakkai, from Adidam to the Vedanta Society, contributors look at a full range of groups practicing and worshiping in the U.S. today. Volume 5: African Diaspora Traditions and Other American Innovations examines the various traditions linked to the African diaspora such as Rastafarianism, Santeria, and the Nation of Islam, alongside traditions that are truly American incarnations like Scientology, UFO religions, and Heaven's Gate. Some of the new and alternative religions covered in these pages include: ; Shamanism ; Wicca ; Black Israelites ; Santeria ; Scientology ; Elan Vital ; Hare Krishna ; Soka Gakkai ; and many more

A Community of Witches Nov 19 2022 A Community of Witches explores the beliefs and practices of Neo-Paganism and Witchcraft—generally known to scholars and practitioners as Wicca. While the words "magic," "witchcraft," and "paganism" evoke images of the distant past and remote cultures, this book shows that Wicca has emerged as part of a new religious movement that reflects the era in which it developed. Imported to the United States in the later 1960s from the United Kingdom, the religion absorbed into its basic fabric the social concerns of the time: feminism, environmentalism, self-development, alternative spirituality, and mistrust of authority. Helen A. Berger's ten-year participant observation study of Neo-Pagans and Witches on the eastern seaboard of the United States and her collaboration on a national survey of Neo-Pagans form the basis for exploring the practices, structures, and transformation of this nascent religion. Responding to scholars who suggest that Neo-Paganism is merely a pseudo religion or a cultural movement because it lacks central authority and clear boundaries, Berger contends that Neo-Paganism has many of the characteristics that one would expect of a religion born in late modernity: the appropriation of rituals from other cultures, a view of the universe as a cosmic whole, an emphasis on creating and re-creating the self, an intertwining of the personal and the political, and a certain playfulness. Aided by the Internet, self-published journals, and festivals and other gatherings, today's Neo-Pagans communicate with one another about social issues as well as ritual practices and magical rites. This community of interest—along with the aging of the original participants and the growing number of children born to Neo-Pagan families—is resulting in Neo-Paganism developing some of the marks of a mature and established religion.

Witchcraft and Magic Mar 11 2022 Magic, always part of the occult underground in North America, has experienced a resurgence since the 1960s. Although most contemporary magical religions have come from abroad, they have found fertile ground in which to develop in North America. Who are today's believers in Witchcraft and how do they worship? Alternative spiritual paths have increased the ranks of followers dramatically, particularly among well-educated middle-class individuals. Witchcraft and Magic conveys the richness of magical religious experiences found in today's culture, covering the continent of North America and the Caribbean. These original essays survey current and historical issues pertinent to religions that incorporate magical or occult beliefs and practices, and they examine contemporary responses to these religions. The relationship between Witchcraft and Neopaganism is explored, as is their intersection with established groups practicing goddess worship. Recent years have seen the growth in New Age magic and Afro-Caribbean religions, and these developments are also addressed in this volume. All the religions covered offer adherents an alternative worldview and rituals that are aimed at helping individuals redefine themselves and make their interactions with the environment more empowered. Many modern occult religions share an absence of dogma or central authority to determine orthodoxy, and have become a contemporary experience embracing modern concerns like feminism, environmentalism, civil rights, and gay rights. Afro-Caribbean religions such as Santería, Palo, and Curanderismo, which do have a more developed dogma and authority structure, offer their followers a religion steeped in African and Hispanic traditions. Responses to the growth of magical religions have varied, from acceptance to an unfounded concern about the growth of a satanic underground. And, as magical religions have flourished, increased interest has resulted in a growing commercialization, with its threat of trivialization.

Pagan Portals - Fairy Witchcraft Jan 21 2023 Many neopagans today are drawn to honor the fairies but find that the modern-day path to Fairy is hidden in mist and shadow. Yet the path is still there, waiting for those who are ready to seek it out. This is a guidebook for those seeking a path that combines modern neopagan witchcraft with the older Celtic Fairy Faith. Topics include basic beliefs and practices, holidays, tools, altar set up, and theology, with the intent of giving the seeker a solid grounding in the basics of modern Fairy Witchcraft.

Spirit of the Witch Sep 24 2020 From the author of the "Encyclopedia of Wicca and Witchcraft" comes a study of religion and contemporary spirituality in witchcraft.

Between the Worlds May 01 2021 This volume investigates the trend toward pre-monotheistic worship and focuses on neo-paganism practitioners' desire to find the female in the divine. It includes the work of Starhawk, Ronald Hutton, Michael York, Graham Harvey, Jenny Blain, Helen A. Berger, Wendy Griffith, and more.

To Light a Sacred Flame Dec 28 2020 Provides dozens of spiritual and magical spells, rituals, and exercises.

Paganism, Traditionalism, Nationalism Jun 21 2020 Rodnoverie was one of the first new religious movements to emerge following the collapse of the Soviet Union, its development providing an important lens through which to view changes in post-Soviet religious and political life. Rodnovers view social and political issues as inseparably linked to their religiosity but do not reflect the liberal values dominant among Western Pagans. Indeed, among the conservative and nationalist movements often associated with Rodnoverie in Russia, traditional anti-Western and anti-Semitic rhetoric has recently been

overshadowed by anti-Islam and anti-migrant tendencies. Providing a fascinating overview of the history, organisations, adherents, beliefs and practices of Rodnoverie this book presents several different narratives; as a revival of the native Russian or Slavic religion, as a nature religion and as an alternative to modern values and lifestyles. Drawing upon primary sources, documents and books this analysis is supplemented with extensive fieldwork carried out among Rodnoverie communities in Russia and will be of interest to scholars of post-Soviet society, new religious movements and contemporary Paganism in general.

Magical Religion and Modern Witchcraft Jun 02 2021 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.

Old World Witchcraft May 13 2022 Introduces the philosophy and practices of old world witchcraft, which relies on plant magic and the use of shadow, dispelling the myths about witches and presenting the tradition's tools, charms, spells, rituals, and correspondences.

The Meaning of Witchcraft Jul 23 2020 Thought to be the father of modern witchcraft, Gerald Gardner published *The Meaning of Witchcraft* in 1959, not long after laws punishing witches were repealed. It was the first sympathetic book written from the point of view of a practicing witch. *The Meaning of Witchcraft* is an invaluable source book for witches today. Chapters include: Witch's Memories and Beliefs, The Stone Age Origins of Witchcraft, Druidism and the Aryan Celts, Magic Thinking, Curious Beliefs about Witches, Signs and Symbols, The Black Mass, Some Allegations Examined. *The Meaning of Witchcraft* is a record of witches' roots-and a tribute to a founding pioneer with the courage to set that record straight.

Wicca For Beginners May 21 2020 *Wicca For Beginners* is your comprehensive guide towards understanding the real basics of what the Wiccan path is about. Full of historical knowledge and important figures like Gerald Gardner, Doreen Valiente, and Aleister Crowley, *Wicca For Beginners* will take you onto an intellectual journey and educate you on the true basics, laws, and honor code that is barely touched on. Sure you can buy someone's book about magic, but *Wicca For Beginners* is a true guide that will stay with you throughout the tests of time. It stays away from typical mainstays like how to cast spells and telling you what tools you need to have and instead focuses on your need to know the real basics behind spellcasting in general, how you can use tools that are specifically important to you, and how to communicate with the deities you are connected to. While reading this book you'll be able to understand: The dark history behind paganism. Understand basic definitions like Wicca, Coven, Pagan, and Neopagan. Understand there are different styles to perform rituals and ceremonies. Understand that each coven has a different aspect of worship. Know that it's okay if you want to be a solitary witch. Read on rumors that researchers like Margaret Murray or occultists like Eliphas Levi concluded and what occurred after. Separate the Aleister Crowley the occultist from the Aleister Crowley the fictional character. Give yourself the ability to compare and contrast past ardanes from the founding Gardnerian era to the more modern ardanes today. And five basic spells to help you in your everyday life. Reveal the ancient and cultural significance behind the Pentagram. Understand who the Goddess and God really are, what they represent, and how they can help you as a beginner starting their Wiccan path.

The Sign of the Witch Jul 03 2021 The witch is a uniquely powerful image in Western society. It is a symbol alternately vilified, ridiculed and idealised by differing sectors of society and is a powerful symbol in Western mythology. This book traces the evolution of the modern representations of Witchcraft and Paganism from the popular imaginings of witchcraft in 16th-century England to their contemporary manifestations amongst neo-Pagan and Wiccan religious movements in America, Australia and Great Britain today. Tracing how this symbol is continually constructed and reconstructed by the neo-Pagan movement is indicative of broader social, political and cultural issues arising out of the interaction of Romantic and Enlightenment epistemes in Western society. Central to this process is the locating of representations of witchcraft within the twin discourses of romanticism and enlightenment modernity. Beginning with the aftermath of the English witch hunting craze of the 17th century, the book examines how the witch transformed from a symbol of ridicule during the enlightenment to an idealised symbol of romantic rebellion which led to its systemic adoption by romantic religious and political movements. Along the path it examines the development of the neo-Pagan movement from 19th-century Romantic pagan revivals, to Gardner's Wiccan movement, the sixties counter culture, the rise of eco-feminist neo-Paganism and the contemporary phenomena of "teen witches" and pop commercialization. This book is part of the *Ritual Studies Monograph Series*, edited by Pamela J. Stewart and Andrew Strathern, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh. "Modern Paganism is still in the process of finding its history. Dr. Waldron brings to the quest a very wide knowledge of all aspects of the subject and a good grasp of cultural theory. He is fair to all the players in a notoriously complex and fractious field, and covers it deftly and evenly, deploying his learning and his intellectual models with a light but sure touch." -- Ronald Hutton, Professor of Historical Studies, Bristol University "Waldron's identification and critique of the core aspects of the modern Witch's identity provide what should be seen as an invitation for practitioners to remove our rose-coloured glasses approach to our own history and instead to take on board the results of rigorous investigation. For the general public, by whom Witches are so often misunderstood, an academic examination of the movement can only enhance the likelihood of tolerance and understanding that are the essence of religious pluralism." -- Caroline Tully, *Witchcraft Magazine* "David Waldron has done the scholarly community, neo-Pagans, and anyone interested in the study of neo-Paganism and Witchcraft a great service with this volume. In addition to its historical, cultural, and social overview of the subject matter, it makes for an interesting study in the construction of identities and symbolism within witchcraft. I highly recommend this book." -- John W. Morehead, Senior Editor, *Sacred Tribes Journal* and Director, Western Institute for Intercultural Studies "[Waldron] does an excellent job of summarizing the history of the English witch trials, their end, and the development and commercialization of the witchcraft and Pagan movements. The book will be useful for those who want to begin exploring that history as well as to scholars of ideas who want to consider and investigate his basic thesis of the relationship between the Romantic and the Enlightenment epistemes." -- Helen A. Berger, West Chester University, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*

Neopagan Rites Aug 16 2022 Practical and engaging, this guide represents the best practices from Isaac Bonewits' over thirty-five years of experience creating, attending, and leading public ceremonies as a Neopagan priest and magician. Ideal for Earth-centered spiritual movements and other liberal religious traditions, *Neopagan Rites* explains how to design powerful and effective rites of worship for small groups or large crowds. With his trademark humor and candor, Bonewits covers every important aspect of creating and performing a public ritual that inspires and unifies the participants, and fulfills its intended purpose. You'll learn how to: Determine the purpose of your ritual Create a basic ritual format that can be customized for different events Choose the optimal time and location for your event Enhance your ceremony with music, singing, poetry, and dance Add visual drama with costumes and altar decorations Include people with special needs in your ceremony Raise, channel, and send energy to your ritual's deity or cause

Witchcraft Goes Mainstream Jul 15 2022 Motivated by his personal experience in the drug and occult culture of the 60s and his radical conversion to Christ, Alexander uses his background in law and journalism to authoritatively and clearly demonstrate the true nature of neopaganism.

Witchcraft Today Feb 22 2023 A clear, concise overview of the origins and history of the Wiccan and Neopagan movements, with A–Z coverage of concepts, rituals, practices, and practitioners. * Thorough introduction explains the origin and history of contemporary Wiccan and Neopagan beliefs * Provides A–Z coverage of Neopagan concepts, rituals, practices, and practitioners ranging from African Religions and Celtic Tradition to Numerology and Theosophy * A documents section reprints texts important to the central belief system of Wiccans and Neopagans, including the text of Charge of the Goddess * Thorough chronology detailing the development of these modern religions

The Gardnerian Book of Shadows Oct 14 2019 Wicca is a Neopagan religion and a form of modern witchcraft. It is often referred to as Witchcraft or the Craft by its adherents, who are known as Wiccans or Witches. Its disputed origins lie in England in the early 20th century, though it was first popularised during the 1950s by Gerald Gardner, a retired British civil servant, who at the time called it the "witch cult" and "witchcraft," and its adherents "the Wica." From the 1960s the name of the religion was normalised to "Wicca." Wicca is typically a duotheistic religion, worshipping a Goddess and a God, who are traditionally viewed as the Triple Goddess and Horned God. These two deities are often viewed as being facets of a greater pantheistic Godhead, and as manifesting themselves as various polytheistic deities. Nonetheless, there are also other theological positions within the Craft, ranging from monotheism to atheism. Wicca also involves the ritual practice of magic, largely influenced by the ceremonial magic of previous centuries, often in conjunction with a liberal code of morality known as the Wiccan Rede, although this is not adhered to by all Witches. Another characteristic of the Craft is the celebration of seasonally based festivals known as Sabbats, of which there are usually eight in number annually.

Wicca Starter Kit Dec 16 2019 Wicca is one of the most popular neo-pagan religion, which emphasizes upon the peaceful relationship between the humans and nature. Wicca is a religion that professes equality between men and women and emphasizes on a healthy co-existing relationship between humans and nature. Apart from this, the Wiccan philosophy is also largely based on magic and spell-casting. The Wicca religion also emphasizes and encourages on the transmigration of souls. There are many different interpretations of the Wiccan religious texts, but the general viewpoint is the reincarnation of a soul is one of the pillars of the Wiccan way. One of the most common Wiccan theory is that when a person dies, their soul will temporarily reside in what they call 'the land eternal summer', where they will prepare and wait for their next incarnation. This is the main difference between Wicca and other traditional Abrahamic religions. Wiccans do not seek to fulfill their religious goals just to simply attain a sure place in a heavenly kingdom, or paradise. One of the main ethical laws of the Wiccan philosophy professes the following: do whatever you want upon earth as long as it does not harm others. This saves the religion from the problematic gap between the transcendent and the real worlds that other Abrahamic and Dharmic religions usually have. Based on all these interesting concepts and theories, Wicca is a religion that greatly fascinates scientists and professors who are given the enjoyable task of researching on the development of various kinds of religions. **DOWNLOAD: Wicca Starter Kit**, a complete guide with a practical handbook on the wiccan path, wiccan magic, spells, rituals and witchcraft. Wicca is a neo-pagan religion that is heavily associated with magic and the Book of Shadows. Among one of the many things that fascinates people into studying about this religion is its philosophy of promoting equality between men and women and a harmonious relationship between humans and god. The presence of magic only adds to the fascination, as magic is one of the many things in life that still holds unraveled mysteries and interesting concepts. Apart from this, the Wiccan philosophies were way ahead of their time - professing harmony and equality during the olden times. The goal of the e-Book is simple: To help educate people about the traditional Wiccan ways, its history and also about the various Wiccan magic, spells, rituals and witchcraft. You will also learn: Principle of Wiccan beliefs Basics of Wiccan rituals Basic tools for wicca Types of Wiccan practices Step by step guides to altars, casting a circle, and casting a spell. Would you like to know more? Download the eBook, Wicca Starter Kit in order to educate yourself about the Wiccan history, magic, rituals and witchcraft. Scroll to the top of the page and select the buy now button.

Witchcraft Apr 12 2022 This introduction to contemporary witchcraft and neopaganism shows you what witches themselves say they believe, what the Bible says about witchcraft, and philosophical holes in the worldview of witches.

The Cambridge History of Magic and Witchcraft in the West Feb 16 2020 This book presents twenty chapters by experts in their fields, providing a thorough and interdisciplinary overview of the theory and practice of magic in the West. Its chronological scope extends from the Ancient Near East to twenty-first-century North America; its objects of analysis range from Persian curse tablets to US neo-paganism. For comparative purposes, the volume includes chapters on developments in the Jewish and Muslim worlds, evaluated not simply for what they contributed at various points to European notions of magic, but also as models of alternative development in ancient Mediterranean legacy. Similarly, the volume highlights the transformative and challenging encounters of Europeans with non-Europeans, regarding the practice of magic in both early modern colonization and more recent decolonization.

Witching Culture Oct 26 2020 Taking the reader into the heart of one of the fastest-growing religious movements in North America, Sabina Magliocco reveals how the disciplines of anthropology and folklore were fundamental to the early development of Neo-Paganism and the revival of witchcraft. Magliocco examines the roots that this religious movement has in a Western spiritual tradition of mysticism disavowed by the Enlightenment. She explores, too, how modern Pagans and Witches are imaginatively reclaiming discarded practices and beliefs to create religions more in keeping with their personal experience of the world as sacred and filled with meaning. Neo-Pagan religions focus on experience, rather than belief, and many contemporary practitioners have had mystical experiences. They seek a context that normalizes them and creates in them new spiritual dimensions that involve change in ordinary consciousness. Magliocco analyzes magical practices and rituals of Neo-Paganism as art forms that reanimate the cosmos and stimulate the imagination of its practitioners. She discusses rituals that are put together using materials from a variety of cultural and historical sources, and examines the cultural politics surrounding the movement—how the Neo-Pagan movement creates identity by contrasting itself against the dominant culture and how it can be understood in the context of early twenty-first-century identity politics. *Witching Culture* is the first ethnography of this religious movement to focus specifically on the role of anthropology and folklore in its formation, on experiences that are central to its practice, and on what it reveals about identity and belief in twenty-first-century North America.

Goddess Worship, Witchcraft, and Neo-Paganism Nov 26 2020 Presents the basic precepts of Wicca and other neopagan religions, and attempts to refute them with Biblical arguments

New Age and Neopagan Religions in America Nov 14 2019 From Shirley MacLaine's spiritual biography *Out on a Limb* to the teenage witches in the film *The Craft*, New Age and Neopagan beliefs have made sensationalistic headlines. In the mid- to late 1990s, several important scholarly studies of the New Age and Neopagan movements were published, attesting to academic as well as popular recognition that these religions are a significant presence on the contemporary North American religious landscape. Self-help books by New Age channelers and psychics are a large and growing market; annual spending on channeling, self-help businesses, and alternative health care is at \$10 to \$14 billion; an estimated 12 million Americans are involved with New Age activities; and American Neopagans are estimated at

around 200,000. *New Age and Neopagan Religions in America* introduces the beliefs and practices behind the public faces of these controversial movements, which have been growing steadily in late twentieth- and early twenty-first-century America. What is the New Age movement, and how is it different from and similar to Neopaganism in its underlying beliefs and still-evolving practices? Where did these decentralized and eclectic movements come from, and why have they grown and flourished at this point in American religious history? What is the relationship between the New Age and Neopaganism and other religions in America, particularly Christianity, which is often construed as antagonistic to them? Drawing on historical and ethnographic accounts, Sarah Pike explores these questions and offers a sympathetic yet critical treatment of religious practices often marginalized yet soaring in popularity. The book provides a general introduction to the varieties of New Age and Neopagan religions in the United States today as well as an account of their nineteenth-century roots and emergence from the 1960s counterculture. Covering such topics as healing, gender and sexuality, millennialism, and ritual experience, it also furnishes a rich description and analysis of the spiritual worlds and social networks created by participants.

Witchcraft for Sale! Oct 06 2021

Neopagan Texts Feb 10 2022 Please note that the content of this book primarily consists of articles available from Wikipedia or other free sources online. Pages: 28. Chapters: Texts used in Wicca, Wiccan books, Asatru texts, Poetic Edda, Charge of the Goddess, Gesta Danorum, Prose Edda, The White Goddess, Book of Shadows, Aradia, or the Gospel of the Witches, Sweep, Book of Veles, Tyr, Witchcraft: Its Power in the World Today, Harvest, Circle of Three, Witchcraft Today, Wiccan Laws, Eko Eko Azarak, The Spiral Dance, Drawing Down the Moon, What Witches Do, Green Egg, The Meaning of Witchcraft, A Witch Alone, Pagan Dawn. Excerpt: Aradia, or the Gospel of the Witches is a book composed by the American folklorist Charles Leland that was published in 1899. It contains what he believed was the religious text of a group of pagan witches in Tuscany, Italy that documented their beliefs and rituals, although various historians and folklorists have disputed the existence of such a group. In the 20th century, the book was very influential in the development of the Neopagan religion of Wicca. The text is a composite. Some of it is Leland's translation into English of an original Italian manuscript, the Vangelo (gospel). Leland reported receiving the manuscript from his primary informant on Italian witchcraft beliefs, a woman Leland referred to as "Maddalena" and whom he called his "witch informant" in Italy. The rest of the material comes from Leland's research on Italian folklore and traditions, including other related material from Maddalena. Leland had been informed of the Vangelo's existence in 1886, but it took Maddalena eleven years to provide him with a copy. After translating and editing the material, it took another two years for the book to be published. Its fifteen chapters portray the origins, beliefs, rituals, and spells of an Italian pagan witchcraft tradition. The central figure of that religion is the goddess Aradia, who came to Earth to teach the practice of witchcraft to peasants...

Teenage Witches Nov 07 2021 A popular new image of Witches has arisen in recent years, due largely to movies like *The Craft*, *Practical Magic*, and *Simply Irresistible* and television shows such as *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *Sabrina the Teenage Witch*, and *Charmed*. Here, young sexy Witches use magic and Witchcraft to gain control over their lives and fight evil. Then there is the depiction in the *Harry Potter* books: Witchcraft is a gift that unenlightened Muggles (everyday people) lack. In both types of portrayals, being a Witch is akin to being a superhero. At the other end of the spectrum, wary adults assume that Witches engage in evil practices that are misguided at best and dangerous at worst. Yet, as Helen A. Berger and Douglas Ezzy show in this in-depth look into the lives of teenage Witches, the reality of their practices, beliefs, values, and motivations is very different from the sensational depictions we see in popular culture. Drawing on extensive research across three countries--the United States, England, and Australia--and interviews with young people from diverse backgrounds, what they find are highly spiritual and self-reflective young men and women attempting to make sense of a postmodern world via a religion that celebrates the earth and emphasizes self-development. The authors trace the development of Neo-Paganism (an umbrella term used to distinguish earth-based religions from the pagan religions of ancient cultures) from its start in England during the 1940s, through its growing popularity in the decades that followed, up through its contemporary presence on the Internet. Though dispersed and disorganized, Neo-Pagan communities, virtual and real, are shown to be an important part of religious identity particularly for those seeking affirmation during the difficult years between childhood and adulthood.

The Witch Book Jan 29 2021 Provides 560 alphabetically-arranged entries covering the people, events, literature, and places associated with historical and contemporary occultism.

Drawing Down the Moon Mar 31 2021 The essential text and classic study of Neo-Paganism Since its original publication, *Drawing Down the Moon* continues to be the only detailed history of the burgeoning but still widely misunderstood Neo-Pagan subculture. Margot Adler attended ritual gatherings and interviewed a diverse, colorful gallery of people across the United States, people who find inspiration in ancient deities, nature, myth, even science fiction. In this edition, featuring an updated resource guide of newsletters, journals, books, groups, and festivals, Margot Adler takes a fascinating and honest look at the religious experiences, beliefs, and lifestyles of modern America's Pagan groups.

Which Witch Is Which? Jan 17 2020 Describes the different paths of Wicca.

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