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Witching Culture Sabina Magliocco 2010-11-24 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.

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, comission 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.

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.

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.

PaGaian Cosmology Glenys Livingstone 2005 PaGaian Cosmology brings together a religious practice of seasonal ritual based in a contemporary scientific sense of the cosmos and female imagery for the Sacred. The author situates this original synthesis in her context of being female and white European transplanted to the Southern Hemisphere. Her sense of alienation from her place, which is personal, cultural and cosmic, fires a cosmology that re-stories Goddess metaphor of Virgin-Mother-Crone as a pattern of Creativity, which unfolds the cosmos, manifests in Earth's life, and may be known intimately. PaGaian Cosmology is an ecospirituality grounded in indigenous Western religious celebration of the Earth-Sun annual cycle. By linking to story of the unfolding universe this practice can be deepened, and a sense of the Triple Goddess-central to the cycle and known in ancient cultures-developed as a dynamic innate to all being. The ritual scripts and the process of ritual events presented here, may be a journey into self-knowledge through personal, communal and ecological story: the self to be known is one that is integral with place. PaGaian Cosmology may be used as a resource for individuals or groups seeking new forms of devotional expression and an Earth-based pathway to wisdom within.

Italian Folk Magic Mary-Grace Fahrún 2018-05-01 In this fascinating journey through the magical, folkloric, and healing traditions of Italy the reader learns uniquely Italian methods of magical protection and divination and spells for love, sex, control, and revenge. "Mary-Grace Fahrún's Italian Folk Magic is an intimate journey into the heart of Italian folk magical practices as they are lived every day. Having grown up in an extended Italian family in North America and Italy, the author presents us with the stories, characters, saints, charms, and prayers that form the core of folk religion, setting them in context in an authentic, down-to-earth, and humorous voice. A delight to read!"—Sabina Magliocco, Professor of Anthropology, University of British Columbia Italian Folk Magic contains: magical and religious rituals prayers divination techniques crafting blessing rituals witchcraft The author also explores the evil eye, known as malocchio in Italian, explaining what it is, where it comes from, and, crucially, how to get rid of it. This book can help Italians regain their magical heritage, but Italian folk magic is a beautiful, powerful, and effective magical tradition that is accessible to anyone who wants to learn it.

Inner Witch Gabriela Herstik 2018-09-04 The ultimate guide to witchcraft for every woman craving a connection to something bigger, using the tools of tarot, astrology, and crystals to discover her best self. In these uncertain times, witchcraft, astrology, tarot, crystals, and similar practices are seeing a massive resurgence, especially among young women, as part of their self-care and mindfulness routines. Gabriela helps readers take back their power while connecting to something larger than themselves. She covers: * Witchcraft as a feminist call to action * Fashion magick * Spells for self-love * Cleansing your space * Holidays of the witch * How to create a spellbook / grimoire * Witchcraft as self-care Whether the reader is looking to connect with her green thumb, banish negative energies, balance her chakras, energetically fight the patriarchy, or revitalize her sense of self, Inner Witch has something to offer. After all, empowered women run the world--and the ones who do are usually witches.

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.

Eaters of the Dead Kevin J. Wetmore, Jr. 2021-09-16 Spanning myth, history, and contemporary culture, a terrifying and illuminating excavation of the meaning of cannibalism. Every culture has monsters that eat us, and every culture repels in horror when we eat ourselves. From Grendel to medieval Scottish cannibal Sawney Bean, and from the Ghuls of ancient Persia to The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, tales of being consumed are both universal and universally terrifying. In this book, Kevin J. Wetmore Jr. explores the full range of monsters that eat the dead: ghouls, cannibals, wendigos, and other beings that feast on human flesh. Moving from myth through history to contemporary popular culture, Wetmore considers everything from ancient Greek myths of feeding humans to the gods, through sky burial in Tibet and Zoroastrianism, to actual cases of cannibalism in modern societies. By examining these seemingly inhuman acts, Eaters of the Dead reveals that those who consume corpses can teach us a great deal about human nature—and our deepest human fears.

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.

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.

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 through 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 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.

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

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.

Buckland's Book of Saxon Witchcraft Raymond Buckland 2005-01-01 Buckland's Book of Saxon Witchcraft was one of the first books to explore Wicca from a solitary perspective. Originally written 30 years ago to correct abuses he saw occurring in covens, Buckland offered Wiccan seekers an introductory text on Saxon witchcraft or Seax-Wicca, which can be practiced alone. Buckland presents meticulously researched information on the time-honored tradition of Saxon witchcraft. He writes cogently and informatively about the history, mythology, spiritual practices, and witchcraft of Saxon England.

Buckland's Book of Saxon Witchcraft includes everything the solitary witch needs to practice Seax-Wicca, including: Descriptions of the Saxon deities and explanations of their primary beliefs An introduction to the magical runic Saxon alphabet A selection of original Pagan songs A selection of Seax-Wiccan recipes for intoxicants Instructions for initiation ceremonies, the eight Sabbats, marriage, birth, and death rites An explanation of the art and practice of Saxon Galdra or magic and the divination and herbal lore used for protection, love potions, and healing The Seax-Wicca Rite of Self-Dedication, which allows individuals to form their own covens and initiate themselves into the Craft An indispensable handbook for solitary witches or for witches in covens who want to explore Saxon witchcraft. Originally published as The Tree: The Complete Book of Saxon Witchcraft, this edition offers a new introduction by the author to guide a new generation of witches into the art and practice of Seax-Wicca.

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

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.

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 magickal 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 magickal 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.

Forthcoming Books Rose Arny 1996-10

American Book Publishing Record 1996

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.

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.

Contemporary Authors 1998

Making Magick Edain McCoy 1997 Through exercises designed to develop basic skills, "Making Magick" lays a firm foundation of elemental magickal 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 magickal arts, which rely on highly honed skills of meditation, astral projection, visualization, and sustaining of creative energy. A complete course in natural magick. 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 dieties of the Craft. You'll learn about the magickal 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!

Circle Network News 1998

Witchcraft Raven Grimassi 2004 Understanding the Mystery Teachings of Witchcraft is essential for anyone wishing to enrich their Craft. World-renowned author and scholar Raven Grimassi guides readers down the well-worn path to these Mystery traditions by exploring their roots in myths, legends, verses, and lore. Witchcraft: A Mystery Tradition provides a cultural and mythical context that helps readers gain insight into these Mystery themes. Drawing upon

the long-standing traditional European Witchcraft and occult concepts and tenets, Grimassi constructs a cohesive mythos that supports and unifies the Sabbats and their associated deities. Also provided are techniques for aligning with the "momentum of the past," a powerful current of knowledge and energy available to all Witches.

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 magickal 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 magickal 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 solitaires 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 masterwork 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*

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.

If You Want to be a Witch Edain McCoy 2004 An introduction to the modern religion of witchcraft outlines the history of Wicca; explains the sabbats and esbats, divination techniques, and rituals; stresses ethical standards within the Craft while emphasizing the need for mature personal responsibility; and presents one hundred questions that probe psychological, intellectual and moral dimensions for adherents to ponder.

Wicca Harmony Nice 2019-04-02 Witchcraft and Wicca for a modern world, from YouTube vlogger and Instagram sensation Harmony Nice Welcome to Generation "Hex"—an era where young Americans know that witchcraft isn't about devil worship and spooky curses, and instead are openly embracing meaningful Wiccan rituals that can enrich our lives in real-world ways. In Wicca, 21-year-old Harmony Nice—a YouTube and Instagram star with 700,000 followers—offers modern readers a guide to overcoming obstacles and maximizing happiness. She offers practical guidance on: using crystals, wands, tarot cards, and magical tools setting up an altar introductory spells for health and protection finding your own witchy path—solitary or with a coven With beautiful illustrations throughout, Wicca offers readers spiritual authenticity, a hint of glamour, and a perfect guide to infusing their lives with spiritual purpose, confidence, and resilience.

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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