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A great source for anyone interested in Wicca, from seekers just beginning on the path of the old ways to those thirsting for more knowledge about its inner practices. It will also be an invaluable resource for anyone running (or planning to run) training groups.

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Alecto says

Great book. Full of cues on how to work with own energies and find a personal approach to the pagan path.

Stacy Evans says

I really enjoyed this book. This book is intended, I believe, for those who already have a good working knowledge of the craft. In that sense, we can take away from this book much more than someone just coming into the craft. A great read for those looking for more information than they have gotten in books for those just starting out. Some reviews on here state that the Authors ignore all historical evidence. To that I say, which version of history? True there may not be evidence of it in modern times, but that doesn't mean it never happened. The fact that such things as hereditary witchcraft are in the book is because the authors believed it happened. That's all any non-fiction book is, the beliefs and point of view of one(or two) people.

Overall a great book.

~M~ says

Currently reading this book after spending 4 days learning directly from the authors -- a 3 hour talk on the history of Witchcraft, a Lammas ritual, and a 2 day intensive workshop on the Inner Mysteries. The book is reinforcing and supporting what I have learned in these training and ritual experiences. So far it is pretty much blowing my mind wide open. Questions I have had for over 20 years have finally been addressed sufficiently. I have been disillusioned with Wicca as a religious path for a good 15 years now. This book explains why and tells me what Wicca really is and how it works. The history of witchcraft is fascinating. During the workshop I learned about the multiple levels of the magickal system, where Wicca is, what surrounds it (Ceremonial Magick and Shamanism) and influences it. I don't know if I would be as excited by the book if I had not just attended 4 days of intense training in the mysteries, because I can be rather jaded about "Pagan books." This book actually explains why that is, and gives me a new frame of reference. I am really enjoying it.

Wishmaster says

Started out well enough, but the beginning of chapter 6 ruined it for me. I find it very disappointing that the authors feel the need to ignore all the historical evidence. The chapter explains how village witches would have been trained in the Middle Ages and the way children would have been taught to decorate the altar.

Come on! Haven't they read anything by Ronald Hutton? Considering the alleged pedigree of Farrar and Bone, it astonishes me that they came up with this nonsense. It is interesting to note the lack of references in this part of the chapter. I wonder why?

Speculation about the possibility of there being some form of hereditary practise is one thing, but to assert this as fact without citing any sources, primary or otherwise, is disingenuous and misleading.

I'm afraid my relationship with this book is over and I'll think twice before venturing to buy anything else by either author in future.

Whisk Witch says

A departure from earlier Farrar books with a move toward Wicca in the 21st century

Gaijinmama says

This book is a good overview of eclectic witchcraft. I wish we'd had this sort of common-sense, practical approach in print when I started learning about the Craft in the early 90's.

Kelly Lynn Thomas says

This is one of my favorite Wicca books. It takes all the lessons of the early years of Wicca and proposes ways to move forward in the modern world, as well as practical ways to practice and observe Wiccan spirituality.

Jutrzenka says

Very romantic view of witchcraft.

Dora says

This has been one of the best books I could have read on this subject. I came across so many new facts I couldn't have even guessed existed. The sources were fascinating, the book wonderfully written and not to mention the detail in which some themes are debated. Just wonderful. I dare say that this is from now on my new favorite Pagan book :)

Melissa says

Great book.
