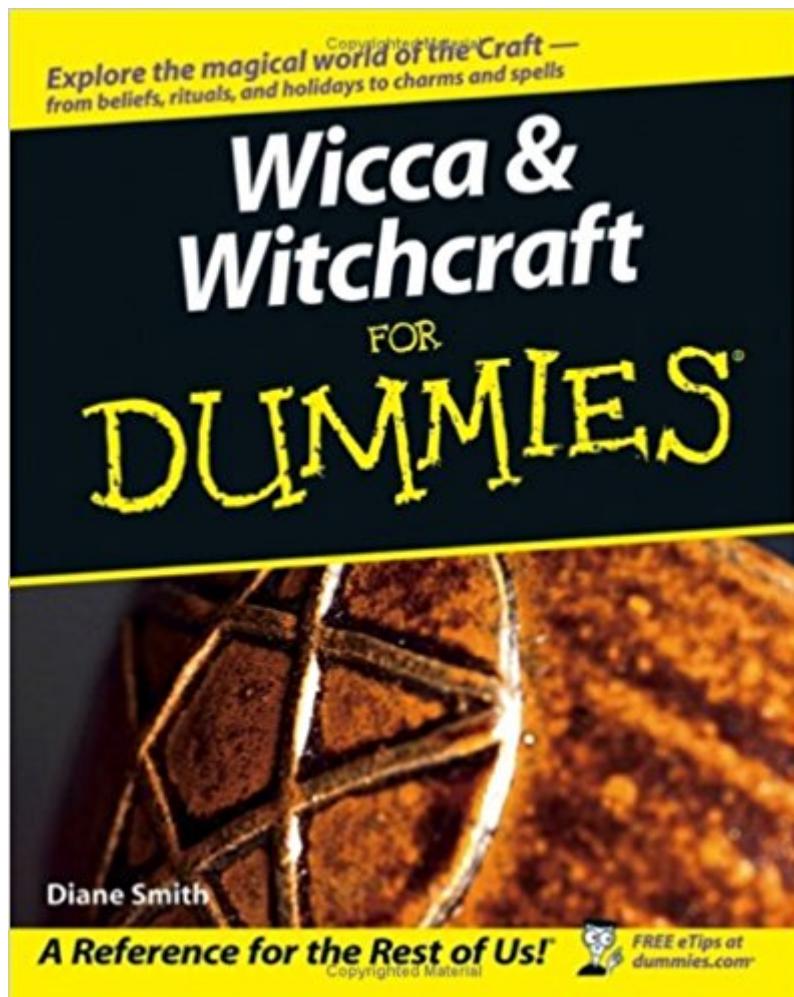


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Wicca And Witchcraft For Dummies



Synopsis

Examines Wiccan magic, rituals, traditions, and code of conduct Get the scoop on this ancient spiritual path Wondering what it takes to be a Wiccan? This plain-English guide introduces you to the vibrant world of Wicca and the practices of Witchcraft, describing its ancient origins, dispelling stereotypes, and explaining Wiccan beliefs, ethics, rituals, and holidays. You'll see what it means to live as a contemporary Wiccan -- and how to worship alone or with a group. Discover how to *

- * Worship alone or join a coven
- * Perform charms, blessings, and spells
- * Obtain necessary tools and supplies
- * Spot spiritual scams and inappropriate behavior
- * Explore a spiritual path guided by nature

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Customer Reviews

I think that Wicca and Witchcraft For Dummies is an extraordinary book. It's full of credible information, solid suggestions for Wiccan practice, and engaging stories to bring Wicca to life for the reader. The author clearly presents the depth, beauty, and wisdom of Wicca.

There's not a great deal on practical magick in this book, but it's full of info on sabbats (even though they're Northern Hemisphere oriented), the nature of Spirit (although a little Goddess-biased, like most books are), writing ritual and the philosophy and history of Wicca - Diane Smith manages to blend Wicca with science and make sense of the universe using both Wicca and physics. There's even a little discussion about the Big Issues - there's more real-life, living-the-path stuff in this book

than in some others. Overall, a good book, but not the be-all-and-end-all.

A good survey of Wiccan practice, the best thing about this book is that it is very clear about how diverse Wiccan practice truly is, often giving a number of different practices or beliefs held by different people, all of whom consider themselves Wiccan. In fact, that's the main thing that makes me prefer this to *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Wicca and Witchcraft*--both are fairly inclusive, but this is the one that shows just how much variation there is within this religion. It's also very clear that this book is not only a how-to for the seeker, but also an informative text for the curious. Also nice is the inclusion of some fairly complex concepts (string theory?), and a good deal of theology made simple.

Unfortunately, the author didn't seem very interested in what she was writing. Even her intro was discouraging. I did like the history chapter though. It was somewhat informative although I think the *Idiot's* book might be better "if" you are looking at this type of format to get some general knowledge. If you're looking for an overall description, this is OK - if you're not a Wiccan or Witch. If you are, and have read some other books (Scott Cunningham for example), then you won't gain much from this.

Wicca is something I've always been interested in so I decided to start reading about it & thought a "Dummies" book is always a good place to start. I was right. This book has lots of useful info, both about what Wicca is and is not. It is very well written and easy to understand. It convinced me that I was on the right path, but it does not proselytize. I highly recommend this if you are interested in the Craft. Blessed Be!

As always, the "...for dummies..." are delightfully informative and, aside from being jam packed with info, gives you plenty of links to more information. If Wicca and Witchcraft interests you, start here !!

Or should I say title it may be a dummies and to be honest when I saw it first I laughed out loud. But in all fairness I found it very useful as a study guide/introduction to the craft! Whether you're just curious about the craft or a beginner wanting to find more information or if you're thinking of following the Wiccan path then this book is for you! I highly recommend this book. Diane Smith talks you through everything you need to set on the right path for learning about the craft from the history to how to properly draw an invoking or evoking pentagram to how to cast a circle! She explains

everything in layman's terms there's even a section devoted to the tools you will need and there uses, proper etiquette, how to design a ritual or spell and tips to help you decide whether to join a coven or be a solitary! I have found this book very useful it has explained a lot that had before left my brain frazzled and needing a cup of tea! As a newbie to the craft I highly recommend this book as part of your studying! If you're looking for a more in depth how to then this book may not be for you but as a basic starting point it's superb

If you're a beginner and just starting to explore Wicca, this isn't a bad place to begin. This book explores, quite deeply, the history, which I enjoyed. My only problem with it is that it can become a bit dry at times. Still, it's quite informative and an easy read...lots to learn here, as I am a beginner myself. I purchased this for my Kindle, and I do wish I had a hard copy of it.

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