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*The Two Babylons; Or, the Papal Worship Proved to be the Worship of Nimrod and His Wife* Llewellyn Worldwide

'Tis the Season for Witches, Elves, and a Legion of Ghosts Not so very long ago, Yuletide was as much a chilling season of ghosts and witches as it was a festival of goodwill. In *The Old Magic of Christmas*, you'll rub elbows with veiled spirits, learn the true perils of elves, and discover a bestiary of enchanted creatures. Rife with the more frightful characters from folklore and the season's most petulant ghosts, this book takes you on a spooky sleigh ride from the silvered firs of a winter forest to the mirrored halls of the Snow Queen. Along the way, you'll discover how to bring the festivities into your home with cookie recipes and craft instructions, as well as tips for delving more deeply into your relationship with the unseen. Praise:

"Steeped in history and adorned with a bit of enchantment, *The Old Magic of Christmas* is the perfect book to read by a winter's fire with a mug of mulled cider in hand."--Deborah Blake, author of *The Witch's Broom* "...[A] fascinating journey into the stories behind the tinsel and bows."--Doreen Shababy, author of *The Wild & Weedy Apothecary* "...[A]n intriguing little tome that explores the darker side of the Yuletide holiday."--Ellen Dugan, author of *The Enchanted Cat*

**A History of Pagan Europe** Simon and Schuster

An introduction to the world of animal magic; how to find, recognise, connect and work with the power of animal magic.

**A Book of Pagan Family Prayers and Rituals** Aladdin

*Pagan Portals - Herbs of the Sun, Moon and Planets* combines herbalism with astrology and explains how the ancient herbalists like Culpeper assigned specific herbs to planetary rulers. Various characteristics were used to decide what planet ruled particular herbs. Mars is the God of War and herbs that have this planet as their ruler display aggressive properties and appearance, such as thorns or red berries or sap. Dragon trees have red resin known as Dragon's Blood. The book is divided into sections for each group of herbs. So there are seven divisions for herbs of the Sun, Moon, Mars, Venus, Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn, each containing seven herbs. *Herbs of the Sun, Moon and Planets* will be essential reading for herbalists and gardeners, and will also appeal to those with a general interest in the occult and astrology.

**The Plant Spirit Familiar** Simon and Schuster

Who made the first snowman? Who first came up with the idea of placing snowballs on top of each other, and who decided they would use a carrot for a nose? Most puzzling of all: How can this mystery ever be solved, with all the evidence long since melted? The snowman appears everywhere on practically everything -- from knickknacks to greeting cards to seasonal sweaters we plan to return. Whenever we see big snowballs our first impulse is to deck them out with a top hat. Humorist and writer Bob Eckstein has long been fascinated by this ubiquitous symbol of wintertime fun -- and finally, for the first time, one of the world's most popular icons gets his due. A thoroughly entertaining exploration, *The History of the Snowman*

travels back in time to shed light on the snowman's enigmatic past -- from the present day, in which the snowman reigns as the King of Kitsch, to the Dark Ages, with the creation of the very first snowman. Eckstein's curiosity began playfully enough, but soon snowballed into a (mostly) earnest quest of chasing Frosty around the world, into museums and libraries, and seeking out the advice of leading historians and scholars. The result is a riveting history that reaches back through centuries and across cultures -- sweeping from fifteenth-century Italian snowballs to eighteenth-century Russian ice sculptures to the regrettable "white-trash years" (1975-2000). The snowman is not just part of our childhood memories, but is an integral part of our world culture, appearing -- much like a frozen Forrest Gump -- alongside dignitaries and celebrities during momentous events. Again and again, the snowman pops up in rare prints, paintings, early movies, advertising and, over the past century, in every art form imaginable. And the jolly snowman - ostensibly as pure as the driven snow -- also harbors a dark past full of political intrigue, sex, and violence. With more than two hundred illustrations and a special section of the best snowman cartoons, *The History of the Snowman* is a truly original winter classic -- smart, surprisingly enlightening, and quite simply the coolest book ever.

*Shamanism and Tantra in the Himalayas* Bulfinch Press

Illustrations from medieval books of hours in the British Library are accompanied by Gospel excerpts in a modernized Tyndale translation

#### **The Origins of the Mithraic Mysteries** McFarland

A practical guide to the magical history, customs, and practices of pre-Christian Northern Europe • Details the everyday magic of the Northern Tradition, including household magic, protection spells, and the significance of the days of the week • Explores direct natural magic, such as shapeshifting and soul travel, and talismanic or sigil magic, including runes and rituals to unlock the power of crafted objects • Explains how many of these customs continue to the present day In the pre-Christian societies of Northern Europe, magic was embedded in the practical skills of everyday life. Everything in Nature was ensouled with an inner spirit, as was anything made by hand. People believed in magic because it worked and because it was part of the functionality of their day-to-day lives. Many of these practical observances and customs continue to the present day as rural traditions, folk customs, household magic, and celebrations of the high and holy days of the calendar. Exploring the magical pagan traditions of the people now called Celtic, Germanic, Scandinavian, Slavonic, and Baltic, Nigel Pennick examines the underlying principle of the Northern Tradition--the concept of Wyrd--and how it empowers the arts of operative magic, such as direct natural magic and talismanic or sigil magic. Through direct natural magic, individuals can shape shift, journey out of the body, or send one of their three souls (fylgia or “fetch”) ahead of them. Sigil magic involves the powers contained in objects, which can be channeled after the appropriate ritual. Runes are the most powerful sigils in the Northern Tradition and were used to ward off illness, danger, hostile magic, and malevolent spirits. Emphasizing the importance of the cycles of Nature to the tradition, Pennick explores the eightfold sun dials and the four ways the solar year is defined. He looks at the days of the week and their symbolic association with different deities as well as why particular acts are performed on certain days and what the customary lucky and unlucky days are. He also examines sacred spaces, household magic, protection spells, and the role of music in the Northern Tradition. Explaining all the traditional holidays and activities necessary to honor them, Pennick shows how anyone can participate authentically in the magic of the Northern Tradition if they take care to do things properly, with respect, and on the right day.

#### **Holy Days** U of Minnesota Press

Llewellyn's *Sabbat Essentials* series explores the old and new ways of celebrating the seasonal rites that are the cornerstones in the witch's year. A well-rounded introduction to Yule, this attractive book features rituals, recipes, lore, and correspondences. It includes hands-on information for modern celebrations, spells and divination, recipes and crafts, invocations and prayers, and more! Yule—also known as Midwinter—is when nighttime has reached its maximum length, but there is a promise of brighter days to come as candles are lit and feasts are enjoyed. This guide to the history and modern celebration of Yule shows you how to perform rituals and magic to celebrate and work with the energy of the winter solstice.

#### **The Old Magic of Christmas** Royal Botanic Garden

This text gives meaning not just to Christmas, but to the whole winter season. Folklore expert John Matthews traces the history behind many of the sacred traditions of the holiday season and provides refreshing and practical suggestions for celebrating the winter solstice as a joyous, life-affirming, spritual festival.

#### [Odin as Santa and the Norse influence Christmas](#) Routledge

Its the Christmas seasonthe most wonderful time of the year for most people in River City, California. But for Jehovahs Witnesses Lawrence and Brad, its a time for them to try to explain the truth about this holiday season to the people of the community. Their earnest efforts may earn them ridicule, disagreement, or a door slammed rudely in their faces, but they persistand are sometimes able to find a mind and heart receptive to their urgent message about Jehovahs coming Kingdom. Whereas for Elders Skousen and Marshalltwo Latter-day Saint (Mormon) missionaries the season is another opportunity to share their Churchs distinctive interpretation of the Christian gospel; but their efforts are often rebuffed, as well. In the course of their work, these two pairs of men engage in dialogue with traditional Christians, as well as members of the Church of Christ; the Community of Christ (RLDS); Seventh-day Adventists; and Oneness Pentecostalsnot to mention skeptics, atheists, and the increasing numbers of people who lack any particular religious beliefs. But when a local church brings in a researcher to give a series of lectures on Cultsand specifically targeting the Jehovahs Witnesses and Mormonsa confrontation is ensured, where theological and biblical concepts collide in a public forum. Who, if anyone, really has the Truth? Can one still discover the true meaning of Christmas in the midst of passionate disagreements over the validity of the holiday season? Are objections raised about the secularization and rampant commercialism of the modern celebration valid? Spend a holiday season (or any other season) with some interesting and intellectually-stimulating characters, as they explore these and other challenging questions. (Readers of the authors earlier novel, *A Multicultural Christmas*, will be pleased to see a brief reappearance of two characters from that book.)

#### **The Winter Solstice** Cosmology and Salvation in the

The chilling story of the 1942 "Vel' d'Hiv" Roundup in France comes to the screen in this cautionary historical drama starring Jean Reno and Melanie Laurent. The Weismanns were a typical Montmartre from a tight-knit Jewish neighborhood. But on that fateful morning of July 16, 1942, this family and many others would face the worst horror imaginable when they, and 13,000 other Parisian Jews, were systematically arrested by French police,

and corralled into a stadium under the orders of their Nazi occupiers. As the unsuspecting prisoners are prepared for deportation, a Jewish doctor (Reno) and a Protestant nurse (Laurent) attempt to provide adequate care for their patients while bearing witness to one of the most shameful atrocities ever committed by man. ~ Jason Buchanan, Rovi

#### **Pagan Portals - The Hedge Druid's Craft** Parragon

The first comprehensive study of its kind, this fully illustrated book establishes Paganism as a persistent force in European history with a profound influence on modern thinking. From the serpent goddesses of ancient Crete to modern nature-worship and the restoration of the indigenous religions of eastern Europe, this wide-ranging book offers a rewarding new perspective of European history. In this definitive study, Prudence Jones and Nigel Pennick draw together the fragmented sources of Europe's native religions and establish the coherence and continuity of the Pagan world vision. Exploring Paganism as it developed from the ancient world through the Celtic and Germanic periods, the authors finally appraise modern Paganism and its apparent causes as well as addressing feminist spirituality, the heritage movement, nature-worship and `deep' ecology This innovative and comprehensive history of European Paganism will provide a stimulating, reliable guide to this popular dimension of religious culture for the academic and the general reader alike.

#### *Pagan Christmas* Simon and Schuster

An in-depth investigation of traditional European folk medicine and the healing arts of witches • Explores the outlawed “alternative” medicine of witches suppressed by the state and the Church and how these plants can be used today • Reveals that female shamanic medicine can be found in cultures all over the world • Illustrated with color and black-and-white art reproductions dating back to the 16th century Witch medicine is wild medicine. It does more than make one healthy, it creates lust and knowledge, ecstasy and mythological insight. In *Witchcraft Medicine* the authors take the reader on a journey that examines the women who mix the potions and become the healers; the legacy of Hecate; the demonization of nature's healing powers and sensuousness; the sorceress as shaman; and the plants associated with witches and devils. They explore important seasonal festivals and the plants associated with them, such as wolf's claw and calendula as herbs of the solstice and alder as an herb of the time of the dead--Samhain or Halloween. They also look at the history of forbidden medicine from the Inquisition to current drug laws, with an eye toward how the sacred plants of our forebears can be used once again.

#### **ChristoPaganism** Llewellyn Worldwide

"Odin as Santa and the Norse influence Christmas" explores the myths of the Norse and how those myths influence modern Christmas traditions.

Myths and the icons, such as the gods and goddesses, were one way for ancient societies to understand life and the environment around them. "Odin as Santa and the Norse influence Christmas" seeks to reveal the ancient, Pre-Christian story behind the modern, Christian one, associated with Christmas traditions and decorations. This work looks at the Norse mythology and its gods, Christmas symbols and flora and their Nordic backgrounds. This work looks at the image of the manger and the birth of the Scared Child.

#### *How Christmas Became Christmas* Simon and Schuster

Each of forty-six original stories based upon events in the five books of Moses is followed by a lesson to dramatize its contemporary significance.

#### [Yule](#) Xist Publishing

The intent of this book is to merely present before you the compromise that has occurred between Christianity and paganism. Under the facade of Christianity the duplicitous ancient mystery religious system that began in Babylon continues. This religion is perpetuated through the most powerful religious institution in the world- the Roman Catholic Church. How is this possible? In a strategic effort to appeal to the pagans of Rome the Universal Church simply fused the pagan customs and festivals of sun worshipers with the rites of the one true faith. The *Pagan Origins of Christian Holidays* is an examination of the holidays that are observed by Christians today. This book reveals a piercing truth; Satan has deceived the whole world.

#### [Witchcraft Medicine](#) Lulu.com

Reflect on the Christmas Season with a Celebration of Virtue 1900 “To be honest, to be kind--to earn a little and spend a little less, to make upon the whole a family happier for his presence....here is a task..” - Robert Louis Stevenson, *A Christmas Sermon* A Christmas Sermon is not necessarily a book about Christmas. In fact, it is a book that tries to educate the reader preaching the Christian values of morality, humility and kindness. It is also a book about how to approach the end of a year and the eve of a new one full of hope and optimism. ,This book has been professionally formatted for e-readers and contains a bonus book club leadership guide and discussion questions. We hope you'll share this book with your friends, neighbors and colleagues and can't wait to hear what you have to say about it.

#### [Plants Have So Much to Give Us, All We Have to Do Is Ask](#) Weiser Books

What if your very existence threatened the heart of power? It's the 21st century, right now, in America and on the surface everything looks just fine. But the commonly accepted image of society is an illusion. A clandestine force usurps the desires of individuals, and those who won't conform must be crushed to preserve the appearance of free will. Aranka is just a sixteen-year-old girl but a fluke in her genes makes her a threat. Those with power will stop at nothing to protect their supremacy. She is kidnapped by doctors who claim she's sick but it's only a matter of time before it's her turn to die. A diverse band of outlaws from every corner of the globe represent the only hope of resistance. Kenyen, a young doctor, infiltrates to the heart of the oppression but he can't stop the terror. He just wants to save one life. In the process he uncovers "the Seed," the first flicker of hope in a thousand years. *The Soul and the Seed* is the first book in *The Kyrennei Series* - a dystopian fantasy thriller of today's world. The second book is *The Fear and the Solace*.

#### *Pagan Portals - Animal Magic* John Hunt Publishing

In this sweet and softly illustrated picture book, a young girl journeys through downtown Baltimore with her father on the way to find the perfect Christmas tree in the deep woods. Christmas is coming! And all Chita can dream about is choosing her very own Christmas tree. “Mama!” Chita calls. “Mama! Is today the day?” “Yes,” says Mama. “Papa is almost ready.” And so Chita and her father set out in the buggy into the deep, snowy woods to find Chita's very own Christmas tree. And when Christmas morning comes, Chita has many surprises, but none as beautiful as her tree—with its full and graceful branches and her name carved in its trunk.

#### When Santa was a Shaman McFarland

Much of the modern-day vision of Santa Claus is owed to the Clement Moore poem "The Night Before Christmas." His description of Saint Nicholas personified the "jolly old elf" known to millions of children throughout the world. However, far from being the offshoot of Saint Nicholas of Turkey, Santa Claus is the last of a long line of what scholars call "Wild Men" who were worshipped in ancient European fertility rites and came to America through Pennsylvania's Germans. This pagan creature is described from prehistoric times through his various forms--Robin Hood, The Fool, Harlequin,

Satan and Robin Goodfellow--into today's carnival and Christmas scenes. In this thoroughly researched work, the origins of Santa Claus are found to stretch back over 50,000 years, jolting the foundation of Christian myths about the jolly old elf.

*Stations of the Sun* OUP Oxford

Christopher Penczak, author of the award-winning Temple of Witchcraft series and the Three Rays of Witchcraft, takes readers on a journey into the green world of plant spirits. Learn about the alchemical, magickal, and homeopathic uses of plants and experience the transformative power plant spirits have to offer us for health, wisdom, and spiritual growth.

#### Best Sellers - Books :

- [The Housemaid By Freida Mcfadden](#)
- [Twisted Love \(twisted, 1\) By Ana Huang](#)
- [The Boy, The Mole, The Fox And The Horse](#)
- [Twisted Love \(twisted, 1\)](#)
- [Hello Beautiful \(oprah's Book Club\): A Novel By Ann Napolitano](#)
- [A Court Of Thorns And Roses \(a Court Of Thorns And Roses, 1\) By Sarah J. Maas](#)
- [It's Not Summer Without You By Jenny Han](#)
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