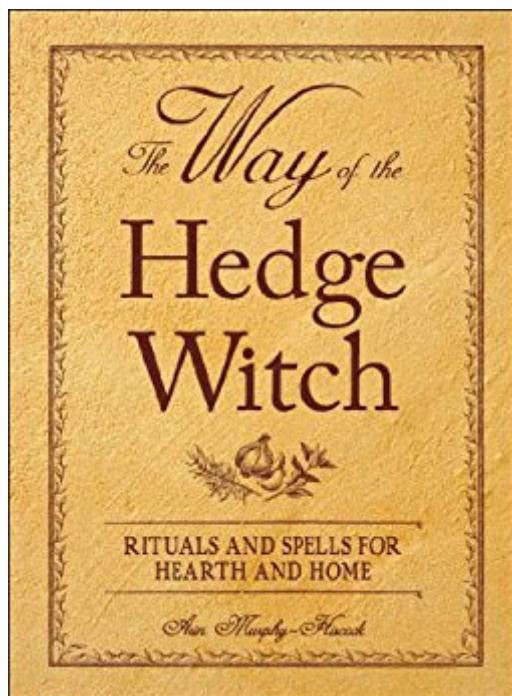


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The Way Of The Hedge Witch: Rituals And Spells For Hearth And Home



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"As every good hedge witch knows, the best magick is made right at home. This book shows them how to transform their homes into sacred spaces, where they can:Create magickal cookbooks of recipes, spells, and charmsPrepare food that nourishes body and soulPerform rituals that protect and purify hearth and homeMaster the secrets of the cauldron and the sacred flameCall upon the kitchen gods and goddessesProduce hearth-based arts and craftsWith this book, witches learn all they need to know to make home a magickal place to live, work, and play."

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Customer Reviews

I purchased this book last winter near the time of its release. I had no idea what to expect but was intrigued by the title, hedge witchery and ways for making your home more special. I must say that while I was relatively uninformed when I read this book about hedge craft, I thoroughly enjoyed the authors explanations and emphasis on the elements of hedge craft (which I interpreted as "Trust your gut"). This book helped me to connect with the more divine knowledge that I have (that we ALL have) and helped me to focus less on formula, someone else's script, and more on what feels right

to me as a witch. This book is written in every day easy to understand language and is very down to earth. It's abundantly clear to me that the author was divinely inspired to pursue this information!! I think that this is a great place for a beginner to start. However, a more experienced hedge witch may disagree. I think that most people would be able to find something in this book that is useful. Take what you need, leave the rest. Also personally, after several years of moving from sub par apartment to sub par apartment, I really enjoyed this focus on making your home a sacred place and had overlooked the significance of such an act. (I think it helped me to manifest the wonderful apartment that I live in right now!) Finally, my only bone to pick with the author has to do with a section on hearth deities. This also explains my 4 star rating. I do understand that compiling deities from around the world takes a great deal of time, sleuthing, and effort. Particularly if not of the Western world- so I do acknowledge and applaud her effort in this regard.

As another reviewer has mentioned, this is less a book for the hedgewitch and more one for the home-oriented witch. It is hearthcraft, and this is the word she uses throughout the book. I don't know why she (or the publisher) went with the title she did! Hedgewitches may want to look elsewhere - but once you get past the title, there is much of practical use here for the hearth-focused witch or general spiritual practitioner.

Pros:

- No assumption is made as to your religion; this is a spiritual path and home-based craft, not a religion in itself. This is a welcome change from books on witchcraft that are mostly about deities and religious rituals.
- Practical advice on caring for tools such as the cauldron.
- Ideas and suggestions for building shrines, purifying rooms, and working with your hearth and home as a spiritual place that can be utilised and adapted to one's own personal practice.
- Discussion on mundane aspects of life such as eating and cleaning as spiritual acts when done mindfully.

Cons:

- Occasionally forgets to explain why something is done; some rituals are given as examples but why this was said or that action was taken is not discussed.
- The minor disparaging of feminism here and there (for example at the beginning of chapter 6) made me uncomfortable.
- The assumption is made that you like or will spend a fair bit of time in the kitchen. Not every hearth-based witch likes to cook!
- Her info on particular gods and spirits can be a bit off, so double-check if you intend on working with any she mentions (despite her comments, boggarts aren't nice!!).
- A few basic errors - confusing deosil with clockwise, for example.
- A tendency to be a bit unspecific when discussing history.

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