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this richly illustrated history provides a readable and fresh approach to the extensive and complex story of witchcraft and magic telling the story from the dawn of writing in the ancient world to the globally successful harry potter films the authors explore a wide range of magical beliefs and practices the rise of the witch trials and the depiction of the devil worshipping witch the book also focuses on the more recent history of witchcraft and magic from the enlightenment to the present exploring the rise of modern magic the anthropology of magic around the globe and finally the cinematic portrayal of witches and magicians from the wizard of oz to charmed and buffy the vampire slayer

witchcraft haunts the western imagination to this day from central europe to britain to north america this book explores the development of witchcraft and of the belief in it stressing the difference between the two the sixteenth and seventeenth century obsession that spawned witch hunting the eventual decline of witchcraft and the phenomenon's fascinating afterlife that has involved the nazis fixation and modern treatments including arthur miller's acclaimed *The Crucible* fully illustrated with historical documents and colour photographs and expertly written by professor david nash this book is the perfect introduction to a subject that is compelling disturbing and a little understood cultural touchstone

the routledge history of witchcraft is a comprehensive and interdisciplinary study of the belief in witches from antiquity to the present day providing both an introduction to the subject of witchcraft and an overview of the on going debates this extensive collection covers the entire breadth of the history of witchcraft from the witches of ancient greece and medieval demonology through to the victims of the witch hunts and onwards to children's books horror films and modern pagans drawing on the knowledge and expertise of an international team of authors the book examines differing concepts of witchcraft that still exist in society and explains their historical literary religious and anthropological origin and development including the reflections and adaptations of this belief in art and popular culture the volume is divided into four chronological parts beginning with antiquity and the middle ages in part one early modern witch hunts in part two modern concepts of witchcraft in part three and ending with an examination of witchcraft and the arts in part four each chapter offers a glimpse of a different version of the witch introducing the reader to the diversity of witches that have existed in different contexts throughout history exploring a wealth of texts and case studies and offering a broad geographical scope for examining this fascinating subject the routledge history of witchcraft is essential reading for students and academics interested in the history of witchcraft

presents a comprehensive reference guide with more than 480 entries on the subject of witchcraft

witchcraft witch hunting and politics in early modern england constitutes a wide ranging and original overview of the place of witchcraft and witch hunting in the broader culture of early modern england based on a mass of new evidence extracted from a range of archives both local and national it seeks to relate the rise and decline of belief in witchcraft alongside the legal prosecution of witches to the wider political culture of the period building on the seminal work of scholars such as stuart clark ian bostridge and jonathan barry peter elmer demonstrates how learned discussion of witchcraft as well as the trials of those suspected of the crime were shaped by religious and political imperatives in the period from the passage of the witchcraft statute of 1563 to the repeal of the various laws on witchcraft in the process elmer sheds new light upon various issues relating to the role of witchcraft in english society including the problematic relationship between puritanism and witchcraft as well as the process of decline

the fifteenth to eighteenth centuries was a period of witchcraft prosecutions throughout europe and modern scholars have now devoted a huge amount of research to these episodes this volume will attempt to bring this work together by summarising the history of the trials in a new way according to the types of legal systems involved other topics covered will be the continued practical use made of magic the elaboration of demonological theories about witchcraft and magic and the further development of scientific interests in natural magic through the neoplatonic and hermetic period amongst the topics included here are superstition and belief in high and popular culture the place of medicine witchcraft survivals in art and literature and the survival of persecution

this important collection brings together both established figures and new researchers to offer fresh perspectives on the ever controversial subject of the history of witchcraft using keith thomas s religion and the decline of magic as a starting point the contributors explore the changes of the last twenty five years in the understanding of early modern witchcraft and suggest new approaches especially concerning the cultural dimensions of the subject witchcraft cases must be understood as power struggles over gender and ideology as well as social relationships with a crucial role played by alternative representations witchcraft was always a contested idea never fully established in early modern culture but much harder to dislodge than has usually been assumed the essays are european in scope with examples from germany france and the spanish expansion into the new world as well as a strong core of english material

saalem king james vi malleus maleficarum the world of witch hunts and witch trials sounds antiquated relics of an unenlightened and brutal age however witch hunt is heard often in the present day media and the misogyny it is rooted in is all too familiar today a woman was prosecuted under the 1735 witchcraft act as recently as 1944 this book uses thirteen significant trials to explore the history of witchcraft and witch hunts as well as investigating some of the most famous trials from the middle ages to the 18th century it takes us in new and surprising directions it shows us how witchcraft was decriminalised in the 18th century only to be reimagined by the 1780s romantic radicals we will learn how it evolved from being seen as a threat to christianity to perceived as gendered persecution and how trials against chieftains in africa stoked anger against colonial rule significantly the book tells the stories of the victims women such as helena scheuberin and joan wright whose stories have too often been overshadowed by those of the powerful men such as king james vi and i and witchfinder general matthew hopkins who hounded them while this will be a history of witchcraft the subject cannot be consigned to the history books hundreds of people mostly women are tried and killed as witches every year in africa witch hunt is as common in our language today as ever it was and witches are still on trial across the world

this magisterial account explores the fear of witchcraft across the globe from the ancient world to the notorious witch trials of early modern europe the guardian uk the witch came to prominence and often a painful death in early modern europe yet her origins are much more

geographically diverse and historically deep in the witch historian ronald hutton sets the european witch trials in the widest and deepest possible perspective and traces the major historiographical developments of witchcraft hutton a renowned expert on ancient medieval and modern paganism and witchcraft beliefs combines anglo american and continental scholarly approaches to examine attitudes on witchcraft and the treatment of suspected witches across the world including in africa the middle east south asia australia and the americas and from ancient pagan times to current interpretations his fresh anthropological and ethnographical approach focuses on cultural inheritance and change while considering shamanism folk religion the range of witch trials and how the fear of witchcraft might be eradicated a panoptic penetrating book malcolm gaskill london review of books

this book brings together twelve studies that collectively provide an overview of the main issues of live interest in scottish witchcraft as well as fresh studies of the well established topic of witch hunting the book also launches an exploration of some of the more esoteric aspects of magical belief and practice

by the author of accused comes an entertaining as well as illuminating history of britain s most infamous witch hunts and trials magnolia review with the echo of that chilling injunction thou shalt not suffer a witch to live hundreds of people were accused and tried for witchcraft across england throughout the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries with fear and suspicion rife neighbor turned against neighbor friend against friend as women men and children alike were caught up in the deadly fervor that swept through villages from the feared covens of pendle forest to the victims of the notorious and fanatical witchfinder generals matthew hopkins and john stearns so called witches were suspected accused and dragged to trial to await judgement and face their inevitable and damnable fate in this interesting informative and insightful book historian willow winsham draws on a wealth of primary sources including trial transcripts parish and country records and the often sensational and highly prejudicial pamphlets that were published after each trial her exhaustive research reveals just how frightening violent and terribly common the scourge really was and explores the social conditions class divisions and religious mania that stoked its flames all about history

between the age of st augustine and the sixteenth century reformations magic continued to be both a matter of popular practice and of learned inquiry this volume deals with its use in such contexts as healing and divination and as an aspect of the knowledge of nature s occult virtues and secrets

from the podcast host of the witch wave and practicing witch pam grossman who vulture has dubbed the terry gross of witches comes an exploration of the world s fascination with witches why they have intrigued us for centuries and why they re more relevant now than ever when you think of a witch what do you picture pointy black hat maybe a broomstick but witches in various guises have been with us for

millennia in waking the witch pam grossman explores the impact of the world s most magical icon from the idea of the femme fatale in league with the devil to the bewitching pop culture archetypes in sabrina the teenage witch and harry potter from the spooky ladies in fairy tales to the rise of contemporary witchcraft witches reflect the power and potential of women part cultural analysis part memoir waking the witch traces the author s own journey on the path to witchcraft and how this has helped her find self empowerment and purpose it celebrates witches past present and future and reveals the critical role they have played and will continue to play in the world as we know it deftly illuminating the past while beckoning us towards the future waking the witch has all the makings of a feminist classic wise relatable and real pam grossman is the witch we need for our times ami mckay author of the witches of new york

the old craft of the witches was a close order its members were sworn to secrecy although some records were kept very few of these still exist today in early ecclesiastic and in mediaeval literature however references to witchcraft are numerous this book endeavours to set out in an interesting manner the story of the craft from earliest times the book s three hundred and twenty pages contain fourteen comprehensive chapters witchcraft a primitive cult initiation and ceremony spells the evil eye and possession practical witchcraft witchcraft on the continent werewolves and vampires blood and fire in england demons and mascots witch hunting cameos a typical english witch trial witchcraft in america witchcraft phantasmagoria a typical witch tract the last phase this book will prove a fascinating read for anyone interested in the occult arts and will provide much information to historians of this hitherto arcane subject

in this classic text one of the leading academic historians of magic presents the first exploration of witchcraft in britain in the centuries following the witch trials from 1736 to 1951

all three books in the spellbinding ya trilogy hailed as a smashing blend of adventure fantasy humor romance and historical fiction booklist for cousins emma gretchen and penelope the stuffiness of 1814 london society is simply unbearable but their fates change when a sacred glass family keepsake is accidentally shattered and all three young women find themselves gifted with powers of witchcraft for in the coming days they will most certainly need them the secret witch london is slowly sinking into darkness as the evil beings of the magical world start to roam free including a nefarious coven whose powerful members gain their strength from killing young witches emma keeps finding the bodies of their victims leading some to suspect her of the killings but the coven sees her as something much more their next target the whisper witch as a whisperer gretchen constantly hears the murmurs of other witches spells and while this does help her to know when one of her own spells is going wrong the assault on her magical senses makes it difficult to use her own gifts but when something evil begins menacing london only gretchen and her cousins can stop a terrible sacrifice from unleashing an unspeakable darkness the bone witch cousin penelope has been kidnapped and forced to use her talents for reading objects to locate the bones of long dead evil witches her

captor plans to use the bones to reanimate their dark spirits in living bodies and unleash them on an unsuspecting world and the only hope to stop such a nightmare rests with gretchen emma and every witch in london as they struggle to reach penelope in time full of action romance and humor these three witchy wonderful young adult adventures are sure to appeal to those who were fans of libba bray s gemma doyle series and the twilight saga by stephenie meyer voya

a distinguished scholar explores the origins and evolution of witchcraft and the witch hunt who were the witches what were their practices why exactly were they feared robin briggs goes further than simply looking at the witch persecutions based on extensive archival research he focuses on the society in which perceived witchcraft existed and illuminates a period darkened by myth and misinformation

in 1662 amy denny and rose cullender were accused of witchcraft and in one of the most important of such cases in england stood trial and were hanged in bury st edmunds a trial of witches is a complete account of this sensational trial and an analysis of the court procedures and the larger social cultural and political concerns of the period in a critique of the official process the book details how the erroneous conclusions of the trial were achieved the authors consider the key participants in the case including the judge and medical witness their institutional importance their part in the fate of the women and their future careers through detailed research of primary sources the authors explore the important implications of this case for the understanding of hysteria group mentality social forces and the witchcraft phenomenon as a whole

penguin horror a celebration of the very best literary horror a series of terrifying novels and tales that for generations have thrilled captivated and kept readers wide awake at night joan flower is long dead when she first appears to samuel fleming a priest plagued by doubts about her and her daughters execution for witchcraft did he do all he could to rescue them from damnation from beyond the grave joan reveals to him the spine chilling tale of her seduction by satan her temptation of her own daughters to the devil s coven her murderous sacrifices and her final rejection by both heaven and hell yet samuel still strives for a way to redeem her sins over their terrifying conversations samuel learns the way of the witches sabbath and comes to the dark realisation that joan s soul may not be the only one in need of saving based on real seventeenth century witch trials in lincolnshire the witch and the priest is a masterpiece of historical atmosphere and psychological horror strange terror fills this tale of seventeenth century witchcraft horrific and written with much skill daily telegraph

the definitive history of how witchcraft and black magic have survived through the modern era and into the present day cursed britain unveils the enduring power of witchcraft curses and black magic in modern times few topics are so secretive or controversial yet whether in the 1800s or the early 2000s when disasters struck or personal misfortunes mounted many britons found themselves believing in things they

had previously dismissed dark supernatural forces historian thomas waters here explores the lives of cursed or bewitched people along with the witches and witch busters who helped and harmed them waters takes us on a fascinating journey from scottish islands to the folklore rich west country from the immense territories of the british empire to metropolitan london we learn why magic caters to deep seated human needs but see how it can also be abused and discover how witchcraft survives by evolving and changing along the way we examine an array of remarkable beliefs and rituals from traditional folk magic to diverse spiritualities originating in africa and asia this is a tale of cynical quacks and sincere magical healers depressed people and furious vigilantes innocent victims and rogues who claimed to possess evil abilities their spellbinding stories raise important questions about the state s role in regulating radical spiritualities the fragility of secularism and the true nature of magic

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