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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 charms
Prepare food that nourishes body and soul
Perform rituals that protect and purify hearth and home
Master the secrets of the cauldron and the sacred flame
Call upon the kitchen gods and goddesses
Produce hearth-based arts and crafts

With this book, witches learn all they need to know to make home a magickal place to live, work, and play.

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Amie says

Some nice recipes but incorrectly titled IMO. Either that or the author learned about hedgies from Rae Beth or even Silver Ravenwolf. Hearth witch, kitchen witch or cottage witch are much more appropriate titles.

Dani Rae says

I lost interest in this book rather quickly. I was disappointed to see that this book is mostly about hearthcraft and kitchen witchery, not hedgewitchery like the title says. It did have some good ideas and correspondences, but reading all of it was a slog, so I mostly skimmed the book.

Steve Cran says

Hedge witches were traditionally known as those who lived on the outskirts of the village. They had all sorts of knowledge of herbs, plants and various shamanistic techniques. Hedgewitches also used to travel to the spirit world and venture over to the otherside.

This book focuses on magic that can be done at home and most preferably in the hearth or the kitchen. The home is important which is why the author focuses on it. It is a place of centering and strength and hence the most important aspect of our life. In the old days of the Celts things centered around the hearth. It was the central fire where everything was kept warm quite literally. Everything centered around the hearth.

Now a days it is the kitchen. The book goes into some detail about how to set up an alter and a shrine and the difference between the two. A list of deities that pertain to hearth and home are listed as well. In the middle of the book are rituals that spiritually cleanse the house and protect it. Some general prosperity spells and over health spells are thrown in for good measure.

The last third of the book deals with recipes and herbs. I figure who needs recipes as anyone can access a cook book but the I guess of this nature would be complete without it. There are some great herbs and recipes and even some spell crafts which might be fun for little kids. But for herbs you really might want to check out Scott Cunningham's various books. A nifty little book for solitary home practice.

Taryn says

Gets quite repetitive, but if you're new to this you might find that a helpful thing as it reinforces the information.

Kimi says

It was okay. Just a lot of general stuff that I could probably find elsewhere, but it was an okay beginners book. I really REALLY liked how the author went out of her way to make this about spirituality, not a particular religion. You wouldn't have to be wicca or pagan or anything else to do some of the things in this book. I liked that.

Elizabeth says

I enjoyed the book quite a bit. Murphy-Hiscock writes in a very relate-able tone.

Madge says

Although I enjoyed the new perspective on spirituality and the home, this definitely isn't one of my favorite books. I wasn't thrilled with the overall writing style and the layout (particularly how so many things were repeated about a thousand times through the book), but I did find a few things I made note of for possible tweaking and use. From what I know about the more "natural/simple" forms of spirituality and witchcraft, I would not call this "Hedge Witchery," and that term isn't even really used throughout the book. It's all about "hearth craft" and therefore the title is misleading in a way. This is basically a combination of something I haven't seen before (hearth craft, I assume), cottage witchery and kitchen witchery, with hints of green witchery thrown in.

Sanna says

Great book for someone who wants to read about simple, down to earth, home based witchcraft. A word of caution though: the name is misleading. I've always connected the term hedge witch to green witchcraft and this book is definitely not about that. Minus points for usage of the term smudging, which is cultural appropriation, and the slightly disparaging feel I got from the way the author writes about feminism.

KJ says

Despite criticisms from some sources, this book delivers what it promises, no more no less.

Whats good:

It is easy to read, clear, and concise to those new to witchcraft, and those too busy for an archaic trudge-read. It is light to read but contains some nice little snippets of back-history, which in a way I prefer as a looker to the future, it doesn't bog you down with talking in riddles, elitist snobbery and long in depth historical details. It is witchcraft for the Modern practitioner.

Beginner and eclectic friendly, with no pomp, and little ceremony the Author speaks to you as an adult and an equal, recognising that everybody starts somewhere no matter how humble.

What is bad:

What is bad is perhaps subjective, it may not appeal to everyone's tastes, it will not share everyone's opinions.

(I would have liked it to be perhaps a little longer and have a few back pages dedicated to footnotes elaborating on some things, like the definition of a Hedge witch. And although I already know how it relates to other types of witchcraft felt it could have been included for those that do not. But the book's lack of this doesn't discredit it.)

A good read, and I would recommend it to others.

Erin says

this is one I dip into time and again

Joshua Gross says

Just what I was looking for, simple and basic and to the point, with practical information.

Emily says

Pretty good read with lots of tips and recipes. Worth a read if you are interested in alternative approaches to spirituality and homemaking.

Lisa A Nofzinger says

Excellent book on hearthcraft

This book is very practical and easy to understand. The author coined the word hearthcraft to explain her hedge witch practice, which makes a lot of sense to me. She includes a lot of practical tips on home protection, cleansing and honoring. I would recommend this for beginners through intermediates.

Coaldust says

Arin seems to have confused hedge witchery for kitchen witchery. This is not the end of the literary world but will no doubt cause understandable confusion in most people, and blown out of proportion outrage in some others.

Ignoring this error though I still found the book to be a very insightful and helpful read. The tone is a little repetitive at times but I found this helped to take in the information rather than an irritant. I especially liked Arin's tone, as it felt more like an instructional chat that flowed easily rather than a dry academic slog that a lot of nonfiction (and some fiction) has a nasty habit of falling into.

