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Paganism, which has its roots in the ancient nature religions, is one of the fastest growing movements in the West today. As such, it is a collection of “spiritual paths” that express their beliefs in subtly different ways, explored here in this illuminating guide. Discover the natural beliefs and practices of Wicca, Hedge witch traditions, Druidry, Shamanism, Asatru, Mystery Groups, and Eclectic Paganism—as well as the Pagan approach to magic and the significance of sacred lives. Learn how to lead a Pagan lifestyle, and explore the growing role of Paganism in today’s world. Whether you’re setting out on a Pagan path for the first time, or have been committed to one for many years, this informative book will help you in expressing your own beliefs and understanding those of others.

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Benjamin says

I was interested in paganism and wicca. This book seemed to have a broad spectra of different kinds of paganism, which is why I picked it up to read. And I was not disappointed.

Granted, that it probably is nothing for people who are looking for an in depth view on paganism or wicca, but rather for a beginner of the subject like me. It is more the history of paganism throughout mankind. But don't think because it describes history, it is boring. I mostly prefer novels and only pick up a non-fiction book if I want to learn more about a given subject. That said I thought the book was written pretty well and keeps the reader wanting to read more.

So to wrap this up, if you are interested in paganism and are looking for a starting point from the several books that exist, try out this one. And if a certain path of paganism interests you, the author gives recommendations for further reads.

Chela says

coming soon

Chantal says

3.5/5

I wanted a book that introduced some of the different branches of the Pagan religion, and this is exactly what I got.

This is a good general introductory book to many of the forms of Paganism followed today in the UK and N. America. Extremely readable, but it is more suited to those who are interested in becoming Pagan themselves than those who have a more Academic interest. There are some suggestions for further reading materials at the back of the book, making this a good introductory book for those, like myself, who have a vague idea about what it means to be Pagan, but have little knowledge beyond knowing names like Wicca and Asatru.

Joshua Allerton says

For anyone interested in the pagan world, may this be your starting point! This book builds the foundations of your knowledge needed before expanding your research into specified areas. The author, Pete Jennings, writes in an unbiased way, encouraging you to disagree with what is being said and challenge yourself on your own beliefs. If you are looking to start a new spiritual journey, this is your new starting point!

Lauren says

I thought that this book was very informative and gave me lots of interesting information. I enjoyed expanding my knowledge about Paganism. I didn't learn everything I wanted to, although I learned a lot. It took me a while to read this book - mainly because I can only take in so much information at a time. However, I still thought this was an interesting read.

Heather says

I really wanted to like this book but it seems like the author is writing from opinion much of the time instead of from unbiased research

Matte says

Good introduction to all things pagan.
Although he do not go in very deep into the topics, just scratches the surface

Robert says

An excellent introduction to the main pagan paths. Highly readable, packed with information.

Raquel Couto Mota says

A Nice introductory book. Doesn't go too deep, but keeps on being light and funny.

Nat says

An interesting introduction to different forms of Paganism, presented in a conversational format which includes many anecdotes from the author's own experience.

Jonathan Martin says

A delightful little read and introduction to modern Paganism. This book is particularly useful for those curious about paganism, or just starting out on their alternative spiritual journey, with its concise overview of the more popular pagan paths.

Hannah Read says

Very good introduction to a variety of Pagan beliefs. Doesn't cover my own beliefs so would have liked to have seen even more covered, but then the religion is so diverse that I imagine it's difficult to cover them all! Included great thinking points and practical things to do as well, plus a very comprehensive resources list.

Max Hale says

This was my first pagan book when I considered converting from Christianity and it is an excellent book for those that are unsure of the path they wish to follow. It gave me a real insight and help into why Paganism is the only path and why organised man-made deities are so wrong.

Evan says

I enjoyed it a lot ,I am just about to read it again

S.S. says

This book serves as a good introduction to different Pagan Paths, such as the different branches of Wicca, Druidry, Asatru, and more. This was delivered in a good and concise way and had a very conversational, easy-to-understand tone. What I liked about this book is that it told you the outlines of each belief system, and samples of what to do to honour that belief system. More importantly, it also stated WHY you should do these things. Quite often, in other books I've sampled in the past, they tell you WHAT but not WHY. There are also plenty of amusing little anecdotes peppered throughout this book which makes reading all the easier. (it's easier also to learn when you're having a laugh.) I thoroughly enjoyed this book and I know now that Paganism is for me! I'm going to enjoy this book many more times in the future and it's served as a good starting point for further research! Huzzah!
