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Salem 1692 – the name and date are synonymous with sorcery. But what caused the worst witch-hunt in U.S. history? What demons sent 20 innocent people to their deaths? Was it panic? Payback? Puritanism run amok? In this probing look, Bruce Watson captures all the fear and fear-mongering while exploring the latest historical research into this unforgettable American tragedy.

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Angel says

What in the world were people thinking!! I had no idea that such deaths and torture existed then in the name of God. Even now people justify killing in God's name. This book was interesting and the author's research was thorough.

Gwen - Chew & Digest Books - says

Good primer, leaves you wanting more.

Wes says

I'm glad I didn't pay any money for this book. It was a Kindle freebie and sounded interesting. It is a very short book which sheds nothing new on the subject at hand. It took me 10 minutes to read it. I must agree with another reviewer who stated that it is more like a high school essay.

Don't waste your time!

Desley (Cat fosterer) says

I'm quite interested in witchcraft, but haven't read much about the Salem trials, so was looking forward to this. Unfortunately, in that respect it was slightly disappointing, I expected to find out more in-depth information, but did learn some things and it did make me think, hence the extra star.

Greg says

Well, the good thing is that this "book" was short. Like 17 pages short.

The bad thing is that had I been reading this as an American history professor or even a high school social studies teacher, it would have received a failing grade.

It never adequately answered the question posed in the title, which could be forgiven since actual historians disagree. However I would have expected the author to spend more than 1 or 2 sentences on each theory that he oh-so-briefly mentions and would have expected some sort of endorsement or refutation of each.

all things considered, the second star in the rating is simply because the topic itself is fascinating, and not because Watson made any sort of good impression.

vicky anderson says**Witch Trials**

I love reading about the Salem Witch Trials. One can't decide whether they were truly witches or a ploy to gain political power.

Kelly Knight says

I was a little disappointed that there wasn't much to this book.

Dallas says**It's a preface without a book**

I hoped to learn something from this, but there was no substance, no research. It reads more like a synopsis of a work that might come. If you want to learn something about Salem, about the people involved in the trials, about the accusers or the accused, you won't find it here. Don't waste your time.

Terri says

A very brief summary of the Salem witch trials. A good overview including new theories on the subject.

Liz says

More of an essay than a 'book", and one that never answers its own question. What devils made them do it? Well? I still don't know the answer.

Jack says

Short essay on the Salem witch trials

Ginger says

This non-fiction short story about the Salem Witch Trials was just okay for me. I was really hoping for more

information and accounts of the witches & their actions. I did learn a few new things about the trials themselves. For some reason the following quote really jumped out at me, enough to highlight and save it: "Witch-hunts clarify good and evil wherever rapid change has muddled the moral waters. Cry "witch" or something equally scandalous, and suddenly malice has a human face...."

Leslie says

while this article touches on some really cool ideas they are never really developed at all. I was hoping for some deep insight not a fluffy beware of witch hunts and mob mentality conclusion any junior in high school could have come up with after reading the crucible. at least it was short and did not take up too much of my time.

Cynthia says

First of all, let me say I snagged this from Amazon as a freebie and thought I got a great deal...that is, until I read it.

We've all heard about the Salem witch hunts and witch trials from the early American era. I thought this book would elaborate on the subject and add to what I already knew. I was sadly mistaken. This book reads more like a high school English essay.

I could find more useful information by simply googling Salem.

Bonna Hicks says

Terrible. Not at all what I thought it would be. :/
