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Aims to provide a behind-the-scenes description of what witches really do, and describes the ancient rituals as seen through the eyes of a practicing witch and member of an active coven. This book explores the fundamental beliefs and symbology of Witchcraft, presenting the time-honored texts of its rituals and invocations.

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Eva Muhlhouse says

A classic, must have for a neo-pagan.

Desiree' says

The Farrar's are trained under Alexander Sanders. Their explanation of Alexandrian witchcraft doesn't differ from Gardnerian witchcraft; the tools and rituals remain the same as well as the BOS.

Steven says

A very straight forward and understandable book with none of the thrill seeking elements of more modern books on the subject. Written by a practitioner of the craft with help from the founder of the modern Alexandrian Craft movement. It may seem a little dated now but still a very informative book

Charity Bedell says

What Witches Do is an awesome introduction to the world of British Traditional Wicca. The author wrote this book during his time as a first degree initiate till he earned his second and third degrees and became a High Priest of the tradition. In many ways this book reflects part of the author's training as he explored the religion of Wicca from the inside out.

For those more familiar with Wicca as styled by Scott Cunningham, Edain McCoy or even Raymond Buckland this book takes some serious adjustments. Most people forget that Wicca when it was founded by Gerald Gardner and then the Alexandrian Tradition founded by Alex and Maxine Sanders was a coven based religion and continues to be so today.

This book is a perfect text for those who are interested in Traditional Wicca but are not quite ready to contact a coven. This text was my introduction to Traditional Wicca several years ago and remains to be one of my go to books when I need a refresher on Traditional Wicca. There are several practices that are discussed in many books on Wicca that I feel this book covers the areas that are "missing".

If you are interested in Traditional Wicca this book is perfect for you. If you are looking to learn more about the early forms of Wicca prior to the solitary traditions this book will cover that. If you are interested in what religious witchcraft looks like this book is for you. If you are looking for instant initiation, solitary rituals and spells this is not your book.

There are some spells and rituals in the book. In this book they provide context to how Wiccan coven rituals may run and what sabbat rituals could entail. None of the rituals or spells within this book can really be

performed solitary. It comes from a coven based tradition so it will have a different feel than other books.

Jenni Buchanan says

This book is almost 50 years old, and with a few minor exceptions, it is still relevant to interested witches. I've been a practicing witch for 20 years and still learned plenty from this book. As a journalist, Farrar writes in a clear and concise manner, without any of the hyperbole or unnecessary mysticism you find in many other books on witchcraft. I appreciated his direct style, his journalistic observations as a newcomer in a coven, and his thoughtful research into history and traditions.

Christopher Orapello says

A very dated work and reflective of the author's limited experience with the religion of Wicca. Not something I would recommend to a seeker or newcomer. I read this sporadically over a period of months along with other books, but eventually found myself skipping most of the final chapters because the information became less valuable.
