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The Study of Witchcraft is a compendium for Wiccans who want to deepen their understanding of their traditions. Advanced Wiccan reaches beyond Wicca, delving into topics as diverse as history, psychology, divination, and lucid dreaming. The Study of Witchcraft introduces the reader to these topics, discussing each in depth and offering a one-of-a-kind course of study including recommended reading, offering readers increasingly, solitary witches a self-study guide and a rich resource.

The Study of Witchcraft includes information for all sorts of Wiccans/ traditional, eclectic, radical, groups, and solitary. Wideranging topics also include Western occultism, myth and folklore, meditation, astrology, the Burning Times, history, herbalism, and much more. Deborah Lipp opens the book with a discussion of the past 40 years of Wiccan history and talks about the diverse people who call themselves Wiccans. Then, throughout the study guide portion, she offers information tailored to different types of Wiccans.

Essentially, *The Study of Witchcraft* is a veritable master's degree in Wicca in book form!

- * Written for the needs of the modern wiccan, who learns primarily by self-study
- * Written by a noted and respected author, whose work is already used in study groups.

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Cinnimini says

While this had many great resource book lists, it was pretty light on advanced Wicca. I would say it is a great resource for those just finishing a 101.

Sara Reed says

I did not like this book at all. It made me feel like I was dumb. I know it is suppose to be a guide but it was written like I am 2 years old learning how to walk. It is not a good book. There are so many other books like this that are so much better.

Ellie Vega says

This novel introduces you to the world of witchcraft and Wicca. It tells you about how Wicca came to be and what past event affected the Wiccan community. It also explained the different types of Wiccans / witches and was very helpful in explaining what these certain witches study.

This book brings you along a journey into the Wiccan culture. It teaches you knew terms and words and could give you a more in depth perception of what Wiccans are really like. It doesn't have a plot exactly, just every new chapter, it starts a new topic (very helpful). I also really enjoyed how the gave us different books to read at the end of some chapters and gave us "homework" to go research different events and/or people. You learn many things in this book and it is very helpful for people just stating in Wiccan culture or older Wiccans looking back to see what that one term was or what that one herb they need to use is called.

This book is a good 3 ½ stars for me. Not trying to be rude at all, this book is full of knowledge and helpful remarks. It's just that I'm only a freshman in high school and some of the terms/vocabulary used was highly advanced, even for adults. They expected us to know certain Wiccan terms before reading the book, (which I didn't) so that made it difficult. It also just seemed very slow and non-exciting. I found myself reading the same sentence over and over multiple times and at some points I felt like I wasn't learning anything at all. You need to be dedicated to read this book. Like you really want to read it. Overall it was a good book and I'd recommend it to others interested in new cultures and traditions. Good book!

Christine says

One word of advice, the topics within this book aren't discussed at length so don't stop your advancement with this book. Topics like the history of Western Occultism cannot be given full attention and justice with

three pages only. Take your learning into your own hands by using this volume as a catalyst to self-study. Delve into each topic by reading several books (the author lists numerous recommended books, and websites, at the end of each chapter) and also trying your hand at getting some experience.

However, it's nice to see books moving beyond 101.

Elizabeth says

The would-be reader of this book might have a better idea of what it's about if the subtitle read *A Guidebook to the Study of Advanced Wicca*. In essence, this is a study guide, not an actual instruction manual as most of the Wicca 101 books are.

Lipp's book is divided into three main sections: "The Evolution of Modern Witchcraft," "History of Western Occultism," and "Wiccan Practice." In each chapter, Lipp chooses a subject and talks about it briefly. She also discusses several books for each subject with the intent that the reader find these books to learn more about the topic. So instead of trying to cram an entire detailed course in advanced Wicca into a single volume, she gives the reader a good start in building an advanced Wicca library.

At the most basic level, I enjoyed getting a lot of reading suggestions that looked so interesting. And the further I got into Lipp's book, the more I appreciated her approach. While she doesn't hide where she stands on these issues, she encourages readers to think for themselves and draw their own conclusions. This is a quick read, and because I enjoy Lipp's writing, I was a bit disappointed that she kept her discussions so short, but that's about all the disappointment I had with this book.

Michaelle says

This was a very comprehensive book, I enjoyed reading through it. I believe the reading list provided with each chapter was not only comprehensive and helpful but it will ensure that I will need to buy another book shelf.

Metagion says

This is a FANTASTIC edition for those in the Craft that are looking for true answers, and not the "shlock" that's out there today. Comprehensive information in each chapter breaks everything down for you, showing you the ins/outs of different methods and traditions, and points you in the right direction on what books to read and what to avoid. A "must have" for the serious practitioner!

Kosjitov says

This book is one of the most concise books I've had to read on Wicca and Witchcraft. It is wonderfully written, has PLENTY of further reading material, and takes a very down to earth approach to getting the reader into the area of 102 Wicca. I can honestly say it is my favorite book related to pagan studies and I

consider it the keystone that really paved the way for everything else. (It may have also set an impossibly high standard!) If you want good hard information, no fluff, and a literary kick in the pants, this is the book to read. I frequently revisit it like a checklist to see where I stand on the information within and the suggested reading at the end of each chapter makes up over 40 books that I will read over the next few years.

Highly recommended!!

Andrea Casarotto says

Non male.

Un libro che offre una panoramica abbastanza chiara della situazione della Wicca in questi ultimi anni. Più per il contenuto in sè (si differisce dagli altri manuali sulla Wicca in quanto non presenta le classiche nozioni guida per chi si approccia a questo cammino per la prima volta) è molto interessante il commento dell'autrice ai diversi temi trattati ed i consigli alle letture per gli approfondimenti, lasciati al lettore.

io ho letto l'edizione italiana, edita da Armenia, che non compare nell'elenco.

Nyx says

Amazing study guide for anyone interested in witchcraft or Wicca. A little outdated (published in 2007), but still full of valuable information and book recommendations.

Rebecca says

This book is an amazing guide for those looking for more than a Wicca 101 book. It briefly goes over the history of Neo-Paganism (from ancient Pagans, the Burning Times, to present). It also goes over types of divination, how important it is to become involved and choosing a specialty.

All of these topics aren't examined in great detail. This is more of a study guide than an in depth book. Each chapter ends in a recommended reading section, and while I don't think it's necessary to read every book she mentions, it IS a lot of work even reading the bare minimum. There is also homework. I think that actually makes the book very useful. It introduces a variety of topics and then says "Here, now go research it" which is an important skill in advanced Wicca. I felt like the book was an appropriate length, though I felt like some of the topics were a little TOO brief.

I also enjoyed her acknowledgement of the different types of Wicca. She states that there are three types: Traditional (those who claim lineage from Gerald Gardner), Radical (those involved in political movements such as Starhawk and Z Budapest) and Eclectic (including solitaires). I thought that this was an interesting outlook.

I was also very surprised that she was Isaac Bonewits ex-wife (who is one of my favourite authors simply because he makes me laugh). She also has an interesting writing style and I never found the book dull. Though I enjoyed the book, it's probably not something I will go back and read over and over. I will use the recommended reading for sure though and that alone made the book worth buying. I read this in the e-book format so it was only \$10- very cheap and definitely worth buying!

Letitia says

A great book for those looking to expand on their occult studies.

It doesn't go into a lot of depth but the recommended reading lists alone, make this a valuable book for any wiccan collection.

Having gained recent interests in some of the paths included, I am now armed with some quality lists for future reading and study.

Takes the guesswork out of choosing quality books for study.

Kristen says

This book wasn't overly informative, more or less a glorified reading list, but I did enjoy it. And now I have a pretty long list of books to continue with!

Keitra says

This is actually a very good book. It goes a little deeper into subjects and offers recommendations for further reading on subjects magickal and non.
