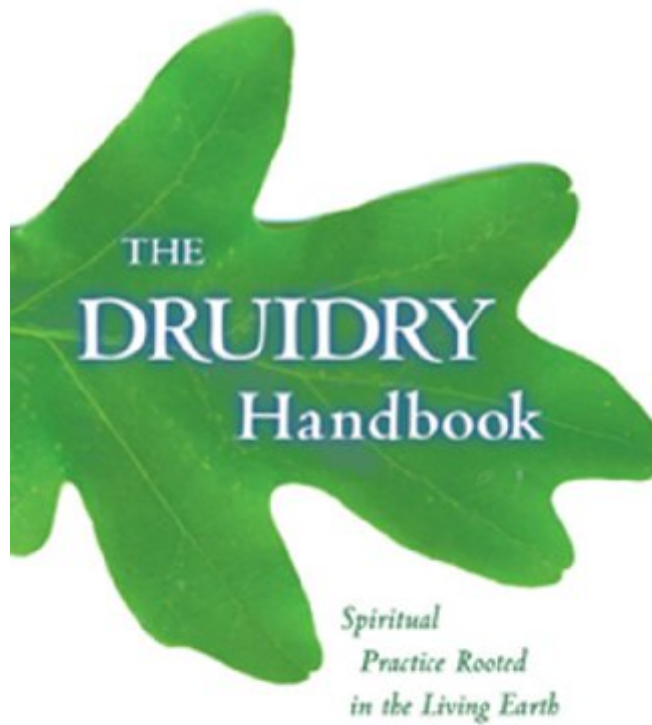


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The Druidry Handbook: Spiritual Practice Rooted In The Living Earth

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Synopsis

A living tradition of nature spirituality rooted in Celtic antiquity and revived to meet the challenges of contemporary life, Druidry offers people a path of harmony through reconnection with the green Earth. The Druidry Handbook is the first hands-on manual of traditional British Druid practice that explores the Sun Path of seasonal celebration, the Moon Path of meditation, and the Earth Path of living in harmony with nature as tools for crafting an earth-honoring life here and now. From ritual and meditation to nature awareness and ecological action, John Michael Greer opens the door to a spirituality rooted in the living Earth. Featuring a mix of philosophy, rituals, spiritual practice, and lifestyle issues, The Druidry Handbook is one-stop shopping for those seriously interested in practicing a traditional form of Druidry. It offers equal value to eclectics and solitary practitioners eager to incorporate more earth-spirituality into their own belief system; it also appeals to the merely curious. John Michael Greer has been a student of the occult traditions and nature spirituality for more than 25 years. He began following the Druid path in 1993 with initiation in the Order of Bards, Ovates, and Druids (OBOD). In 2003, he received OBOD's Mount Haemus Award for Druid scholarship and later the same year was elected Grand Archdruid of the Ancient Order of Druids in America (AODA). Greer is the author of numerous articles and ten books, including Paths of Wisdom, Circles of Power, Inside a Magical Lodge, Natural Magic, Monsters, and The New Encyclopedia of the Occult. He recently coauthored Learning Ritual Magic. Philip Carr-Gomm is Chief of the Order of Bards, Ovates and Druids. Philip is the author of a number of works on Druidry, and since the publication of his first book in 1991 he has been in demand worldwide for radio, television and newspaper interviews.

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Customer Reviews

This book serves as an overview and introduction to the history and beliefs of modern Druids and provides a year's worth of work - including meditations, festival rites and a an incredible amount of information on green living - to take the first steps down the path of Druidry. Frankly, I adored this book. From the succinct, easy to read beginning chapters on the history of druidry, right to the Afterword, I couldn't put it down. I was up to 1.30am devouring this book. The thing that stood out most for me is the passion that John has for the environment and caring for our mother Earth. His passion was inspiring and his advice on green living was useful and also useable. It's the sort of advice I could go out and put into practice tomorrow. This section of the book was definitely my favourite. I did find his chapter on mediation a little preachy in retrospect but not so much that it became distracting from the concepts being explained. The chapter also helped me figure out what kind of meditation I'm most proficient at and it was nice seeing a walking meditation explored. I really enjoyed the chapter explaining the elements in a more traditionally Celtic sense (three realms actually being talked about, yay!). I also really appreciated his talk on different energies such as nywfre and awen. Most Druidry books cover awen but very few also look at nywfre. I'd almost call the book worth it just for that chapter. I suppose the best thing about this book, for me, was the overall inspiring sense of "I can do this," it instilled in me. He never said being a Druid (as opposed to calling yourself one without actually doing a thing about it) be easy - he actually said the opposite - but you're never made to feel it's an insurmountable challenge.

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