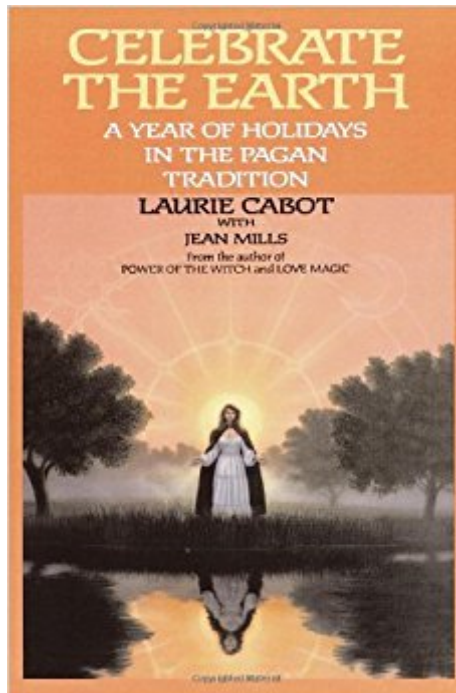


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Celebrate The Earth: A Year Of Holidays In The Pagan Tradition



Synopsis

Published to coincide with the Pagan holiday Samhain on October 31st, this new title by a renowned author and Witch will appeal to spiritualists and environmentalists alike as it celebrates the eight holidays in the Pagan tradition. The Pagan origins of many of our everyday traditions, including the Winter Solstice and Spring Equinox, are celebrated here as holidays that spring from the seasons of the earth. With its practical suggestions for enjoying seasonal renewal, *Celebrate The Earth* blends all the richness and ancient lore of Witchcraft with how-to advice to create a modern-day celebration of nature. For each holiday, it offers instructions on: Earth magic--sample rituals, preparation, garb, herbcraft, spellcraft, and magical stones, for promoting love, romance, and healing. Holiday fare--recipes and menus to prepare. Ancient activities--crafts and games passed down through generations. Also included is a list of sources--an extensive bibliography, plus lists of specialty shops and mail order catalogs.

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Customer Reviews

This is the best book I've read concerning the Pagan Sabbats. It includes spells, oils, incense, feasts, and of course rituals for each holiday. The rituals are written for coven use but I've found they can be easily modified to fit solitary practice, as well. For anyone interested in Celtic folklore or just the holidays, this is the book to get.

This was the first book I ever read on Witchcraft several years ago. I enjoyed the Celtic stories

behind the Sabbats, and I found a lot of information that I still use to this day. For example; the mead recipe, the "how-to" on candle and oil making, and the basic altar set-up. Although some of the spells do have hard-to-find ingredients, I found the book just plain fun. Anyway, it's not the only book I have encountered that has spells with unobtainable ingredients.

I have been searching for a good Sabbats Book for a long time. Finally, one day I came across this book. It was great! I go back to it all the time. After an information filled section on each sabbat, you will find a short story on some aspect of that holiday, followed by a section entitled Earth Magic. In this section you will find sample rituals, garb, preparation, herbcraft, spellcraft, magical stones and lore. The rituals are for groups though, that is the only problem, but I suppose you could change them for solitary use. Earth magic also has recipes for oil mixtures and some spells to try out. Following Earth Magic you will find the section entitled Holiday Fare. This is where you will find recipes for dishes you can make for meals or desserts. After that you will find Ancient Activities which includes crafts and lore related to the season. Even the appendices have valuable information that will have you looking back again and again. I don't rate many books with 5 stars, only the ones I believe truly deserve it, and this book is one of them.

There is much to recommend this book to a new person. Even one that's been around awhile will find new ideas here. If one is interested in a book with a Celtic bent, this is a fine book. However, the sheer amounts of ingredients for oils, incenses, etc, is unnecessary for a successful ritual. A new person trying to follow all the recipes might go mad trying to collect everything. I guess I come from the "Less is more" school of Wicca...

It was all around a very good book. I just didn't like the fact that it had rituals for groups but none for the solitary practitioner. I think this book gave a very good understanding on the different types of holidays that are celebrated. I have started Paganism about 5 months ago and I had bought this book because I wanted to know more about the holidays. I think it is a very good book for both people interested in Paganism and for people who have been in Paganism a long time.

Celebrate The Earth/A Year of Holidays in The Pagan Tradition/ by Laurie Cabot/ with Jean Mills This is the most spiritually uplifting book that I have had the pleasure of reading. I keep it as a reference book and find that I often delight in referring back to it. This is the only such book I have ever found, that includes Faery and Merfolk magic, traditions and earth celebrations! It even includes

rare knowledge on The Celtic Catti-Tribe of Ireland! ("catpeople") With a love and appreciation for wildlife, ecology & an inclusive loving spirituality-this book fills a deep intrinsic need of the soul. This wonderful book will appeal to many people with diverse callings, such as animism, shamanism, paganism, wiccans, nature religions, faery and merfolk faiths or any harmonic combination of these and more! It also includes teachings, original ideas, crafts, recipes and lovely line-art. Fantastic for the learned and the beginner alike! The loving nature of the author comes through in every line. It is a verbal symphony for feeling the celebrating of "The Seasonal Wheel of The Year"! It has brought me much happiness and healing and has opened my loving eyes! A MUST HAVE! You will love this book!

I think that as we move further and further away from nature that we start missing that natural connection with the Earth that we once had. Laurie Cabot tries to help you establish connections again. While I will not use every idea I am already using some and my kids love it. We celebrate not just Holiday's but natural days of the calendar that have been celebrated for thousands of year. A great help to get you back into the natural rhythm of the world in which we live.

This is my favorite all-time book on pagan holidays. It contains beautiful descriptions and metaphors, and her visualizations are glorious. I greatly admire the author for her depth and sensitivity.

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