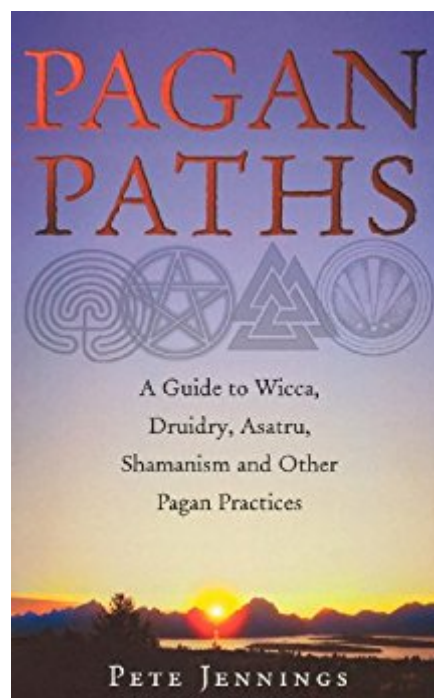




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Paganism is a collection of spiritual paths that have their roots in the ancient religions of the world. Thousands of Pagans today share a love of Nature and a reverence of the Divine, but how they express their beliefs differs according to the path they follow. This ground-breaking guide to Paganism explains--the main issues involved in setting out on the Pagan path --the beliefs and practices of Wicca, Hedgewitch traditions, Druidry, Shamanism, Asatru, Mystery Groups, Eclectic Paganism and some foreign traditions--the Pagan approach to magic--the significance of sacred sites--how to be a practical Pagan - celebrations and organisations --the growing role of Paganism in today's world - Eco-Paganism and Cyber Paganism

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Customer Reviews

This book is one that I would only recommend to an absolute beginner. Those who have been on the path for awhile, I'd say a year or more, probably will not find it to be especially helpful. I've been on a Pagan path for about 2.5 years, and I did not get as much as I had hoped for out of this book. It gives a good overview of different Pagan religions and offers some beginner information. I was

hoping for a little more in-depth information about different Pagan religions. One thing I can say really bothered me about the book is that it separated different forms of Wicca. While they are all distinct and unique, I feel like they should have been part of the same section. It just seems odd to me that the author includes a section that basically discusses recon faiths of all sorts together, but yet each Wicca tradition had its own section. On a final note, if you are new and want to understand basic concepts about Paganism, Wicca, and an overview of a few Pagan paths, then I would recommend this to you. But if you are not a newbie, and are trying to define your path, this is probably not what you need.

Pete Jennings, writes in a manner that is easily comprehended by anyone who is interested in seeking a pagan path for the first time, or those who have strayed away and are coming back. Or those devoted for many years. It is insightful, informative, no fluff here type of book, loaded with references, resources and helpful hints called "Things to do." He writes the seasonal holy days and rites, festivals as well as ethnic origins. Touches base in progressive witchcraft and the use of magic, ie ceremonial magic and many more. I also liked how he talked about networking, the media, and the future of paganism and spirituality. I rate it 4 stars, I learned to remember things I had forgotten as well as new material I can continue to be enlightened by.

This was a great tool for learning it was informative and well rounded and I would recommend it to anyone wanting to discover themselves.

loved it

I haven't finished this book yet, but am enjoying the information provided. It's very straight forward and easy to read. It provides good, all-around information on the various paths within Paganism.

Pete Jennings is the "High Gothi" of Odinshof (an "Odinist" organization) as well as the retired President of the Pagan Federation; he also comments on BBC Radio at times. So he is evidently well-qualified to write this very helpful overview (published in 2002) of a variety of Pagan practices. A variety of spiritual paths may nowadays be called "Pagan": Gardnerian and Alexandrian Witchcraft, Wicca, Druidry, Asatru, Shamanism, and others. Jennings has separate chapters on all of these paths, as well as chapters summarizing "common features" among many of these traditions, such as "Festivals and Rites of Passage," "Sacred Sites," Using Magic, etc. Most chapters end with a

"Things to Do" section, with ideas for practicing such ideas and rituals. Jennings is a very clear expositor of a wide variety of viewpoints, and treats all viewpoints fairly. At the end of the book, Jennings provides a Glossary, a helpful Bibliography, along with helpful websites and organization names. The book is highly recommended for anyone with an interest in a general overview of alternative spiritualities.

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