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# Halloween! (Holiday Series)





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## **Book Information**

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#### **Customer Reviews**

I (as I'm sure most of you reading this) am a Halloween NUT. I have a room dedicated to the holiday, orange and black everywhere.\*If you are strongly monotheistic (christian, Catholic, etc.) There may be some parts you dislike\*What I loved: Silver is informative as well as engaging. She explores many facets of the Holiday including the most important -It's origins. You get to see the early whispers of the holiday, it's incarnations throughout time. You'll come to see that as with nearly all holidays, (especially in the states) that is is an amalgamation of many thingsAnd recipes for you and the little ones. ^\_^

I had this book years ago. My mom bought it from Salem Mass. for me. I was saddened when I lost it. So I got another copy here. It came quickly and was in great condition. This book is great for someone who has a real interest in the traditions and history of Halloween. Also great for someone who practices the craft. I don't get into doing the spells and stuff, but some of the traditions and information is great. A few too many spells and recipes that I will never try, but still fun to have. I love the cute little illustrations on each page to make it feel a bit more magical. Its a good book for fun or for someone who is serious about the magick of Halloween.

One of my favorite Silver Ravenwolf books. I can't get enough of this book. Has alot of details and goes on about lore as well as ideas for rituals and parties. Very much recommended.

I have always been interested in the history of the Halloween that many of us celebrate today: Does it really have roots in Satanic worship? Why do we carve up pumpkins? Why the costumes? This book answered every question I ever thought to ask about Halloween and many that had never occured to me before, all with a wit and a charm that kept me interested for a majority of the book (which is really saying something for someone with an attention span like mine!). I feel that I should warn any potential buyers, though, that the authoress is a practicing Wiccan. This gave the book a refreshing and new point of view, one I had never had the pleasure of encountering before, but the last third, or so, of the book includes various recipes, detailed instructions for divinations, and sundry incantations that some may find uncomfortable to read about(purely from the basis of practicing other religions). I simply skimmed over this part (although I did pick up some delicious-sounding recipes!) and moved on; doing so did not detract from my overall enjoyment of the book, so I suggest that even those practicing non-Wiccan religions pick up this book as soon as possible! It was a fabulous read, written by a lively and entertaining authoress.

Although I do not practice spells, I love the witty and humorous way this author takes you through a guided tour of the history of Halloween. She does an excellent job of backing her facts. This was a wonderful teaching tool for my son on the history of this beloved holiday. We also chose to do a "fire mail" to his Father that night so he could send a message off to him. People have distorted this holiday into something it was not intended to be. Much in the same way that Memorial Day often gets turned into an excuse to BBQ and drink, instead of a day to remember our lost loved ones. I enjoy the candy, the TV specials, and the decorations, don't get me wrong. However at the end of the day I also like to take the time to remember all the people I have had to bury before their time. It gives me comfort being able to tell them one more time that I love them and they are not forgotten.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this informative book. I purchased this book as a resource in my writing

and have found it not only helpful but creatively inspiring.

First of all, since this book is now free for Kindle, it's more difficult to complain about it (if you have a Kindle, that is), except for a waste of time. And it's not entirely a waste of time. There are some interesting bits and, though the ancient history is full of holes, the American history, recipes, games, etc. are a good read.Unfortunately for history buffs, the very first chapter about a page and a half in tells us that Halloween goes back to 4000BCE. Sorry, no way. Celtic culture only goes back to about 400-500BCE. So the ancient history part of the book is thrown into question, which then makes you question a lot of the remainder of the book's history, as other reviewers have written about already.However, it's kind of a fun book for those who love Halloween and good folk stories, recipes, and the like. I wasn't much disappointed because I never expected Silver Ravenwolf to write a factual account, and as I mentioned, it was free. Kindle owners have nothing to lose!

#### Great addition to my magic library

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