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Finding Frassati Christine M. Wohar 2021 His friends called him an explosion of joy. Mountain climbing, music, practical jokes, and political debates were among his many passions. With film-star looks, commonsense intelligence, and amazing athleticism, Pier Giorgio Frassati had every reason to pursue worldly success. He chose to focus on higher goals instead. Identified as "the man of the eight beatitudes" and recognized as one of the most fascinating and relatable saintly examples of the twentieth century, he was devoted to the Eucharist and the Blessed Mother and led a mostly hidden life of charity that ultimately cost him his life at the age of twenty-four. When his body was exhumed in 1981, it was found to be perfectly incorrupt. He was beatified in 1990. All three popes since then have commended this dynamic young Italian's life to the Church - and especially to younger Catholics. Book jacket.

When Eve Was a Goddess Janet Rudolph 2017-08-03 The Bible as we know it today offers a message far different than in its earliest beginnings. What was once an oral tradition of earth-based spirituality has become codified, the original intent obscured by translation after translation. Take a shamanic quest to discover long-forgotten interpretations of some the world's most influential tales and journeys. From the life-affirming tale of Noah to the mystery that is the Garden of Eden, you'll discover secrets that have been veiled for millennia. This is the Bible as it was meant to be - not the heavily edited, adapted text it has become. This is original knowledge unhindered by the intentions and motivations of translators and religious authorities.

Trinidad Yoruba Maureen Warner-Lewis 2009-05-10 A deeply informed Afrocentric view of language and cultural retention under slavery. Maureen Warner-Lewis offers a comprehensive description of the West African language of Yoruba as it has been used on the island of Trinidad in the southern Caribbean. The study breaks new ground in addressing the experience of Africans in one locale of the Africa Diaspora and examines the nature of their social and linguistic heritage as it was successively retained, modified, and discarded in a European-dominated island community.

Priestesses Norma Lorre Goodrich 1989 HISTORY-GENERAL HISTORY

The Mysterious Story of X7 Anonymous 2011-06-28 Between 1953 and 1957, a group of political prisoners, codenamed X7, were incarcerated in a Siberian salt mine. They linked up telepathically with the Network of Light, groups of

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psychics stationed worldwide, and transmitted their story. Trapped for years deep in the earth, they began to refine the vibratory rate of the body and of surrounding matter until they could experience themselves as beings of Light—and experience Earth itself as Light. Their transmissions were transcribed by gifted American psychic Anne Edwards, future cofounder of the Scottish spiritual community Findhorn. In the 1970s, Edwards' reports fell into the hands of British New Age leader Sir George Trevelyan, whose publication of them stirred up controversy in both mainstream and alternative communities. In this new edition, Robert Sardello not only explains the spiritual significance of these esoteric writings, but also guides readers through a process much like that described in the book. Sardello's commentary enables readers to use the book as a guide to a path for transforming humankind and the earth, and argues persuasively that enacting this process at this moment in human history is crucial to survival and transcendence.

Black Saints in Early Modern Global Catholicism Erin Kathleen Rowe 2019-12-12 This is the untold story of how black saints – and the slaves who venerated them – transformed the early modern church. It speaks to race, the Atlantic slave trade, and global Christianity, and provides new ways of thinking about blackness, holiness, and cultural authority.

Longing for Darkness China Galland 1990-01 With this book, China Galland brought increased attention to the spiritual traditions of the Black Madonna and other cross-cultural expressions of the feminine divine. The popularity of recent works by authors like Sue Monk Kidd and Kathleen Norris have only increased readers fascination. Now with a new introduction by the author, "Longing for Darkness" explores Gallands spellbinding and deeply personal journey from New Mexico through Nepal, India, Switzerland, France, the former Yugoslavia, and Poland places where such figures as Tara, the female Buddha of the Tibetan tradition, and the Black Madonna are venerated today.

The Black Madonna Stephanie Georgieff 2016-02-18 The Black Madonna, Mysterious Soul Companion. . . Beginning as a research project for a graduate class in Spirituality and Culture, The Black Madonna and all that she represents became a mystical guide for Georgieff on her intimate journey of the human soul. Through travels to some of the world's most famous Black Madonna Shrines, interviews with scholars, scientists, clergy and artists, exploration of the historic evolution of human consciousness and deep reflections on the basic purpose of the spiritual path, Georgieff weaves an intriguing story of our cosmic origins, our difficult present and our hopeful future as a human family.

The Golden Age of Chartres René Querido 2008 Explores the history of the famous cathedral as part of the School of Chartres

Breaking Chains Nic Phillips 2022-05 An exploration of the phenomenon of Black Madonnas; combining personal experience with scholarly research spanning Europe, Brazil, Africa, the Americas, and the vodou culture of Haiti, complemented by illustrations created on the journey.

The Cult of the Black Virgin Ean Begg 2017-01-01

The Bond Between Women China Galland 1999 Weaving myth and travel narrative into a record of the spiritual journey, the author celebrates the fierce compassion of goddess archetypes and explores their influence and incarnation in the heroines of modern times

Black Madonna Courtney Hall Lee 2017-09-18 The figure of the Virgin Mary comes loaded with baggage and preconceptions. She is usually depicted as the perfect, obedient, and highly esteemed woman, much like the Victorian notion of the "angel in the house." For many black women, nothing could be more inaccessible. This book considers the relationship between African American women and Mary of Nazareth. After examining the history of black American motherhood during slavery and beyond, this book then gives an overview of the existing views of Mary in both the church and the academy. Lee then brings African American women and Mary together, creating a womanist Mariology by using womanist biblical and theological interpretation, as well as considering black motherhood during the age of "Black Lives Matter."

Healing Journeys with the Black Madonna Alessandra Belloni 2019-04-02 An experiential guide to the ancient healing rituals of the Black Madonna • Reveals the practices and rites of the still-living cult of the Black Madonna in the remote villages of Southern Italy, including the healing rites of the tarantella dance • Details shamanic chants, rhythms, and songs and how to use them for self-healing, transformation, and recovery from abuse, trauma, depression, and addiction • Explores the many sacred sites of the Madonnas and connects them to other Great Goddesses, such as Isis, Aphrodite, Cybele, and the Orisha Yemanjá and Ochún • Includes access to 12 audio tracks The mysteries of the Black Madonna can be traced to pre-Christian times, to the ancient devotion to Isis, the Earth Goddess, and the African Mother, to the era when God was not only female but also black. Sacred sites of the Black Madonna are still revered in Italy, and, as Alessandra Belloni reveals, the shamanic healing traditions of the Black Madonna are still alive today and just as powerful as they were millennia ago. Sharing her more than 35 years of research and fieldwork at sacred sites around the world, Belloni takes you on a mystical pilgrimage of empowerment, initiation, and transformation with the Black Madonna. She explains how her love for Italian folk music led her to learn the ancient tammorriata musical tradition of the Earth Goddess Cybele and the Moon Goddess Diana and discover the still-living cult of the Black Madonna in the remote villages of Southern Italy. She vividly describes the sensual shamanic drumming and ecstatic trance dance rituals she experienced there, including the rites of the tammorriata, the transgender rite of Femminielli, and the erotic "spider dance" of the tarantella, which has been used for centuries in the Mediterranean for healing. Sharing chants, rhythms, and sacred songs, she details how she uses these therapeutic musical and trance practices to heal women and men from abuse, trauma, depression, and addiction and shows how these practices can be used for self-healing and transformation, including her personal story of using the tarantella to overcome cervical cancer. Revealing the profound transformative power of the Black Madonna, Belloni shows how She is the womb of the earth, the dark side of the moon, and the Universal Mother to all. Truly alive for all to call upon, She embraces and gives everyone access to Her divine strength and unconditional love.

Midwifing Death Leslene Della Madre 2005-10-01 A brilliant combination of scholarship, art, spirituality, and experience, this book powerfully brings readers back to ancient ways of honoring divinity both in one's life and death.

Dreaming with Open Eyes Michael Tucker 1992 Met als voorbeelden werk van kunstenaars, schrijvers en musici wordt de invloed van de natuur- en oerkrachten uit het sjamanisme getoond

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The Future has an Ancient Heart Lucia Chiavola Birnbaum 2012-08 Feminist cultural historian Lucia Chiavola Birnbaum caps her previous work with *The Future has an Ancient Heart*, a scholarly study of the transformative legacy of African origins and values of caring, sharing, healing, and vision carried by African migrants throughout the world. Birnbaum focuses on the long endurance of these values from the first human communities in south and central Africa, ones that Africans manifested in the region of the African Mediterranean landmass that later separated Africa from Europe and Asia when the ice melted and waters rose. These migrants reached every continent and later became spiritual as well as geographical migrations back to Africa, from ancient times to the transformative present. Using the same methods as her teaching, Birnbaum employs a mutual learning process in her work to help us think about our own ancestral story, adding to the wisdom we need to surmount contemporary crises and give us the energy to help bring a more equal and just world into being. Her methodologies are grounded on empirical techniques of science and the social sciences and yet leave openings for the liminal knowledge that resides underneath and beyond boundaries of established religions, secular ideologies, and conventional science. A true work of transformation, *The Future has an Ancient Heart* opens the door to new possibilities within our world.

Power Animals Madonna Gauding 2019-11-01 In Native American, Aboriginal and other shamanic cultures, animals have long been recognized as possessing

important strengths and powers. This beautifully illustrated book will teach you how to discover which animal has the most to offer you, and provides practical exercises for working with that animal's healing powers and wisdom. You will find step-by-step instructions for animal meditations, guidance on interpreting animal signs and messages and learn how to work with animal dreams and visions.

Rise Sister Rise Rebecca Campbell 2016-10-04 *Rise Sister Rise* is for the women who agreed at soul level to be here at this stage in history to lead this global shift that the mystics of all of the ages have predicted: the return of the mother and the rise of the feminine. It is essentially a call to arms for women to rise up, tell their truth, and lead. Most women have spent much of their working lives "making it" in a man's world, leaning on patriarchal methods of survival in order to succeed, dulling down their intuition, and ignoring the fierce power of their feminine. They have ignored the cycles of the feminine in order to survive in a patriarchal linear system - but now the world has changed. *Rise Sister Rise* is a transmission that calls the innate feminine wisdom to rise. It is about healing the insecurities, the fears, and the inherited patterns that stop women trusting the Shakti (power) and wisdom (intuition) that effortlessly flows through them. It's about recognizing all of the ways we have been keeping ourselves contained and restrained in effort to fit into a certain archetype of woman. It's about co-creating a whole new archetype of woman - a woman who does not keep herself small in order to make others feel more comfortable. A woman who knows like she knows like she knows that she is not her body weight, her sexual partners, or her career. A woman who deeply respects the wise woman in her life and cultivates her own wisdom every single day. Full of tools, calls to action, contemplative questions, rituals, and confrontational exercises, this book teaches women that it is safe to let Shakti rise, safe to trust their intuition, and safe to take leaps of faith - because in healing ourselves we are healing the world.

The Black Madonna in Latin America and Europe Malgorzata Oleszkiewicz-Peralba 2009-01-01 This richly illustrated study examines how the Black Madonna has become a symbol of national identity, resistance against oppression, and empowerment for the female populations of such diverse cultures as Poland and Cuba.

Black Madonnas Lucia Chiavola Birnbaum 2000 In the 1993 edition, I considered black madonnas a metaphor for a memory of the time when the earth was believed to be the body of woman and all creatures were equal, a memory transmitted in vernacular traditions of earth-bounded cultures, historically expressed in cultural and political resistance, and glimpsed today in movements aiming for transformation. Since then my understanding of black madonnas has been deepened by genetics finding that the origin of modern humans is Africa, that migrations from Africa carried a primordial belief in a dark woman divinity to all continents. Black madonnas and other dark women of the world suggest a metaphor for healing millennial divisions of gender and race and concerted movements for justice.

Primitive Magic Ernesto De Martino 1988 Describes societies where magic is a way of life, where sorcerers, shamans, diviners and fire-walkers form powerful bonds with the psychic realities of nature. This is a thorough study that is both scholarly and readable.

Reveal Meggan Watterson 2013-04-03 Even as a little girl, Harvard-trained

theologian Meggan Watterson knew something was missing from traditional religion - the voices of women. She knew these voices had never been silenced, just buried, so she began a pilgrimage to uncover the presence of the Divine Feminine. What she discovered along the way were not only the many stories, images, and voices of the Divine Feminine in world religions - Christianity's Mary Magdalene, Hinduism's Kali Ma, Buddhism's Green Tara - but also her own spiritual voice, the one veiled beneath years of fear and self-doubt. After a revelation at a sacred site of the Black Madonna in Europe, Meggan realized that being spiritual for her was intricately tied to her view of her body. Rather than transcending the body, denying or ignoring it, she found that she must accept her body as sacred. Only then could she truly hear the voice of unfaltering love inside her - the voice of her soul. Watterson soon found that she was not alone, that there are countless women who long for a spirituality that encourages embodiment, that inspires them to abandon their fears but never themselves, and that shows them how to be led by the audacious and fiercely loving voice of truth inside them. No matter where you rest on the spectrum of spirituality - religious or secular, devout believer or chronic doubter, freelance mystic or borderline agnostic - this story is about the desire to shed what's holding you back. With passion, humor, poetry, and raw honesty, Meggan provides what religion has left out - a way to lift the veils of your own fear and self-doubt to reveal your soul and find the Divine within.

The Girl God Trista Hendren 2021-02-24

Rhythm is The Cure ALESSANDRA BELLONI 2015-07-24 This book with online video (111 min.) will introduce the reader to the tambourine and folk dance tradition of Southern Italy, the Tarantella. Students will learn the techniques of Tarantella tambourine playing as well as the history of this ancient tradition. This book reflects 25 years of field research and performance by the author, Alessandra Belloni

Fierce Feminine Rising Anaiya Sophia 2020-01-07 A guide for embodying the courage of the Fierce Feminine, or Dark Mother, to heal yourself and the world at large • Describes how to embody the sacred rage of the Fierce Feminine and channel the universal outrage collectively rising in many of us to seek justice for those who can't defend themselves • Details constructive energetic and spiritual practices to help heal from predatory relationships and traumatic experiences, recenter your personal power, and gain control of your sacred rage rather than allowing it to control you • Explains how to gain access to primordial female wisdom within the brain, embrace your inner Kali, and personally deal with sorrow and anger • Includes access to online audio tracks After millennia of suppression, the Fierce Feminine, or Dark Mother, is making a dramatic resurgence to express our universal outrage. She is rising collectively now, and many women--and men--are feeling a welling up of sacred rage inside, a calling to set things right in our own lives and seek justice for those who can't defend themselves. Offering much-needed perspective, advice, and tools for channeling the righteous energy and sacred rage of the Divine Feminine, Anaiya Sophia explains how to distinguish the Fierce Feminine from personal anger and reveals how it is not a feminist movement set to publicly condemn all that is masculine but a collective spiritual uprising for the greater good of humanity. She shares constructive practices drawn from Eastern tradition to help you embody the courage of the Fierce Feminine to heal from predatory relationships and traumatic experiences, recenter your personal power, and gain control of your sacred rage rather than allowing it to control you. She details sacred sexuality exercises, including those with a yoni egg to

clear the womb after lovemaking and dispel any energetic imprint left by an ex-partner. She provides instructions to gain access to the primordial wisdom within the untapped portion of the female brain, embrace your inner Kali, and personally deal with sorrow and anger. Through this passionate step-by-step guide to comfort your spiritual anguish and dispel the helplessness of not knowing what to do, Anaiya Sophia encourages those who feel the call of the Fierce Feminine to embrace their sacred mission and allow it to rebalance the powers that govern the planet as well as harmonize our minds. When we allow the justice of the Fierce Feminine to flow within us, we each become an active participant in the embodiment of change.

Tara Rachael Wooten 2020-04-28 A practical guide for invoking the power and blessings of Tara, the beloved female buddha of Tibet Known as "the female Buddha" in Tibet and India, Tara connects us to the archetypal Divine Feminine—an energetic force that exists within us and all around us, and has been available to all humans since our earliest origin. While there are many books on Tara, this practical guide shows us how those of any tradition can directly access her, through clear instruction and authentic Tibetan Buddhist teachings. Jungian analyst, scholar, and spiritual practitioner Dr. Rachael Wooten combines the ancient Tara tradition with depth psychology to help us connect with each of Tara's manifestations and access her blessings within ourselves and in the external world. In her myriad forms, Tara has the power to protect us from inner and outer negativity, illuminate our self-sabotaging habits, cleanse mental and physical poisons, address emotional trauma, open us to abundance, give us strength and peace, help us fulfill our life purposes, and more. Here, you will explore all 22 manifestations of Tara. Each chapter begins with an epigraph that captures the spiritual and psychological essence of the emanation, explains her purpose, and teaches you specific visualizations, praises, mantra chants, and other ways of invoking her presence in yourself and the world. "If ever the voice of wisdom and compassion was needed in the form of an awakened female figure such as Tara," writes Dr. Wooten, "that time is now." This book illuminates the way to her healing, blessings, and aid.

Illuminations of Hildegard of Bingen Matthew Fox 2002-12-01 An introduction to the life and work of Hildegard. • Reveals the life and teachings of one of the greatest female artists and intellectuals of the Western Mystical Tradition. • Contains 24 full-color illustrations by Hildegard of Bingen. • Includes commentary by Matthew Fox, author of Original Blessing (250,000 sold). Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) was an extraordinary woman living in the Rhineland valley during most of the twelfth century. Besides being the abbess of a large and influential Benedictine abbey, she was a prominent preacher, healer, scientist, and artist. She also was a composer and theologian, writing nine books on theology, medicine, science, and physiology, as well as 70 poems and an opera. At the age of 42, she began to have visions; these were captured as 36 illuminations--24 of which are recorded in this book along with her commentaries on them. She also wrote a text describing these visions entitled Scivias (Know the Ways), now published as Hildegard of Bingen's Mystical Visions. Author Matthew Fox has stated, "If Hildegard had been a man, she would be well known as one of the greatest artists and intellectuals the world has ever seen." It is a credit to the power of the women's movement and our times that this towering genius of Western thought is being rediscovered in her full grandeur and autonomy. Virtually unknown for more than 800 years in Western history, Hildegard was featured as one of the women in Judy Chicago's Dinner Party in the early 1980s and published for the first time in English by Bear &

Company in 1982. In addition to her mystical teachings, Hildegard's music has been performed and recorded for a new and growing audience.

The Gift of Shamanism Itzhak Beery 2015-03-13 Discover the shamanic powers within each of us • Explores ayahuasca rituals in the Amazon, messages from power animals and plant spirits, intuitive dreams, soul retrieval, and holograms of past lives and spirits • Explains the shamanic way of “seeing” to diagnose spiritual, emotional, and physical ailments via candle readings, remote viewing, and shamanic journeys • Details how the author has helped individuals communicate with loved ones who have passed on and release themselves from negative spirits Each and every one of us has shamanic powers. Glimpses of them can arise at any age in the form of intuitive dreams, déjà vu, spontaneous visions, and out-of-body experiences. Most people dismiss these experiences. However, by embracing these gifts, we can unlock our shamanic potential to change ourselves and the world around us. Revealing his transformation from skeptic to respected shamanic healer, Itzhak Beery explains how, after countless prescient dreams and visions throughout his life that he brushed off, a series of synchronistic events led to his first shamanism workshop with Michael Harner, renowned shamanism scholar and teacher. This, in turn, led to a trip to South America with John Perkins to work with indigenous shamanic healers. Beery shares his experiences with ayahuasca rituals in the Amazon, messages from power animals and plant spirits, dreams that foretold future events, and holographic sightings of past lives and spiritual entities, both evil and benign. He details his shamanic way of “seeing” to diagnose spiritual, emotional, and physical ailments via candle readings and remote viewing. Explaining how we are always surrounded by spirits, he recounts helping people communicate with loved ones who have passed on and shares powerful stories of soul retrieval during shamanic journeys to other worlds. Through his true stories of visions that manifested in reality, Beery reveals that we are all shamans. By igniting our natural intuition and developing trust for our inner powers, we can each connect to the oneness of nature where all knowledge is found.

Mary's Vineyard Andrew Harvey 1996 A modern mystic and an accomplished photographer, both acolytes of the Sacred Feminine, combine their talents in a rapturous celebration of Mary. Each day of the year is highlighted by a reading adapted by Harvey from the visionary words of Mary's devotees throughout history and the revelations of the Virgin Mother herself, as she has appeared in modern times at La Salette, Medjugorje, Banneux. Each month is introduced by a meditative practice of theme, drawn by Harvey from the contemplative traditions of the world. Hanut's moving images and a stunning two-color design make this book a joy for gift giving.

The Hoop and the Tree Chris Hoffman 2021-04-06 The "tree" is the vertical dimension of aspiration, deepening, individual growth, and spiritual development. The "hoop" is the circular representation of our relationship with humanity and the earth. Using examples from Native American and other ancient traditions as well as modern psychology and systems science, Chris Hoffman shows readers how to develop both parts of the whole to help people lead lives of balance and fulfillment.

The Way of the Rose Clark Strand 2019-11-05 What happens when a former Zen Buddhist monk and his feminist wife experience an apparition of the Virgin Mary? “This book could not have come at a more auspicious time, and the message is mystical perfection, not to mention a courageous one. I adore this

book.”—Caroline Myss, author of *Anatomy of the Spirit* Before a vision of a mysterious “Lady” invited Clark Strand and Perdita Finn to pray the rosary, they were not only uninterested in becoming Catholic but finished with institutional religion altogether. Their main spiritual concerns were the fate of the planet and the future of their children and grandchildren in an age of ecological collapse. But this Lady barely even referred to the Church and its proscriptions. Instead, she spoke of the miraculous power of the rosary to transform lives and heal the planet, and revealed the secrets she had hidden within the rosary’s prayers and mysteries—secrets of a past age when forests were the only cathedrals and people wove rose garlands for a Mother whose loving presence was as close as the ground beneath their feet. She told Strand and Finn: The rosary is My body, and My body is the body of the world. Your body is one with that body. What cause could there be for fear? Weaving together their own remarkable story of how they came to the rosary, their discoveries about the eco-feminist wisdom at the heart of this ancient devotion, and the life-changing revelations of the Lady herself, the authors reveal an ancestral path—available to everyone, religious or not—that returns us to the powerful healing rhythms of the natural world.

Magdalene Mysteries Seren Bertrand 2020-04-07 Discover the Womb Rites and initiatory magic of Mary Magdalene, who was revered as a Priestess and human embodiment of the Goddess • 2020 Nautilus Gold Award • Reveals how Mary Magdalene was a sacred priestess of the ancient Womb Mysteries, connected to moon wisdom, sacred harlot archetypes, and goddesses in many traditions, including Sophia, Isis, Inanna, Asherah, Lilith, Jezebel, and Witches • Explains how the Magdalene Mysteries have been encoded in Gnostic texts, sacred art, and literature and unveils the secret Grail heresy of the Ghent Altarpiece • Offers rituals and practices to initiate you into the Womb magic of the ancient priestesses and access deeper dimensions of sexuality and feminine power A sacred priestess of the ancient Womb Rites, Mary Magdalene was at the center of a great and enduring Mystery tradition, one that touched on a stream of perennial spiritual wisdom as old as humanity. Worshipped as the human embodiment of the Goddess, the earthly Sophia, her womb was the spiritual luminatrix that anointed and empowered Jesus, transforming him into the Christ. As a priestess of the Goddess, Mary Magdalene knew how to embody the light and the dark, how to harness the magic potency of sacred sexual energy, and how to cleanse, awaken, and resurrect the soul. Yet, even though she sparked the creation of a worldwide religion, her story and teachings have been forgotten. Unveiling the lost left-hand path of the Magdalene, the Feminine Christ, authors Seren and Azra Bertrand explore how this underground stream of knowledge has been carried forward over the millennia through an unbroken lineage of Womb Shamans, Priestesses, Oracles, and Medicine Women. They explain how the Magdalene Mysteries, symbolized by the Rose, have been encoded in Gnostic codices and gospels and in the highest art, literature, and architecture of many ages, including most significantly the Ghent Altarpiece. They examine Mary Magdalene’s connection to moon wisdom, sacred harlot archetypes, and goddesses in many traditions, including Isis, Inanna, Asherah, Lilith, and Jezebel, and look at shamanic, tantric, and Cathar expressions of sacred feminine mysteries as well as the Witch and Templar roots of Robin Hood and Maid Marian. In this revelatory and magical text on the lost feminine mystery traditions of Mary Magdalene and the lineage of Sophia, the authors present encompassing theological, historical, mythological, and archetypal wisdom, with rituals and practices to initiate you into the Womb magic of the ancient priestesses and the path of the wild feminine.

When The Drummers Were Women: A Spiritual History of Rhythm Layne Redmond
2021-08-05 For millennia, the sacred drummers of pre-Christian Mediterranean and western Asia were women. In this inspiring book, Layne Redmond, herself a renowned drummer, tells their history. Artistic representations reveal that female frame drummers carried the spiritual traditions of many of the earliest recorded civilizations. During those ancient times, the drummer-priestesses held the keys to experience of the divine through rhythm. They were at the center of the goddess worship of matriarchal societies until the ascendance of patriarchal cultures and the loss of drumming as a spiritual technology. With wisdom and passion, Redmond chronicles our species' deep connection to the drum, our rich heritage of inseparable spirituality and music, and the modern-day women reclaiming it. This book encourages readers—both women and men—to reestablish rhythmic links with themselves, nature, and other people through the power of drumming. Redmond illustrates her message with an extensive collection of images gathered during ten years of research and travel. Woven throughout the book are strands of ancient ritual and mythology, personal stories, and scientific evidence of the benefits of drumming. It is at once a history, a memoir, and a resounding call for spiritual and social renewal.

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Black Elk Speaks Black Elk 2014-03-01 Reveals the life of Lakota healer Nicholas Black Elk as he led his tribe's battle against white settlers who threatened their homes and buffalo herds, and describes the victories and tragedies at Little Bighorn and Wounded Knee. Reprint.

Spirit Weaver Seren Bertrand 2022-05-24 • Explains how to awaken your spiritual Womb to find strength within and how to reclaim your softness and vulnerability as a feminine superpower • Explores Earth Magic, the Moon Mysteries, Flower of Life teachings, Dragon wisdom, the shamanic powers of grief, the feminine archetypes of the Witch and the Priestess, and powerful goddesses from around the world • Reveals sacred spaces in the world where the power of the Goddess lives on The Womb is the seat of our primal power and intuition--our "wild knowing." A Spirit Weaver is one who has heard this wild inner voice from within and has followed that call--embarking on a Grail Quest to follow the feminine path of magic, awaken to the depths of their Soul, and embody their true feminine essence. Inviting you onto the spiral path of the Spirit Weaver, Seren Bertrand shares wisdom teachings and rituals from the feminine path of magic and her own ancestral lineage of old European witches and faerie folk, spirit keepers and story weavers. She explores Flower of Life teachings, the Moon Mysteries, and Dragon wisdom. She unveils the shamanic powers of grief and deeply examines the feminine archetypes of the Witch and the Priestess. Drawing on powerful feminine spiritual icons from around the world, such as Kali, Isis, Teresa of Ávila, and Mary Magdalene, she explains how to awaken your spiritual Womb to find strength within and how to reclaim your soft powers of heart-opening vulnerability. She explores the lost traditions of the Goddess lineage and reveals sacred spaces in the world where her memory lives on. She shares the Womb Mysteries of alchemical union, revealing how to awaken the wild feminine and wild masculine and become sacred lovers who balance their light and shadow. From working with the cycles of the moon and learning how to root

your power into the Earth to healing the ancestral wounds left by the generations before you, Seren's medicine teachings, like secret spells, cast an enchantment over your feminine soul, awakening its fertility and wild inner magic.

Spinstress Craft Leslie J. Linder 2021-07-08 It's time to rise up and reclaim your feminine power with Spinstress Craft. This inspiring guide is a rally cry to find your true, unbridled voice through magickal practices and modern spirituality. Written for all womxyn—a term for those born biologically female, transgender women, and non-binary people—this book shows you how to rock your identity and unleash the magic that comes with it. Leslie J. Linder presents the spinster archetype in a brand-new light, transforming her into the spinstress—a strong and confident figure who has evolved beyond the expectations of a male-dominated culture. This guide to becoming a spinstress gives you an arsenal of meditations, spells, rituals, recipes, rites, blessings, and more. With it, you can be more confident, improve your wellness, and find balance in life.

The Hidden Spirituality of Men Matthew Fox 2010-09-24 It is no secret that men are in trouble today. From war to ecological collapse, most of the world's critical problems stem from a distorted masculinity out of control. Yet our culture rewards the very dysfunctions responsible for those problems. To Matthew Fox, our crucial task is to open our minds to a deeper understanding of the healthy masculine than we receive from our media, culture, and religions. Popular religion forces the punitive imagery of fundamentalism on us, pushing most men away from their natural yearning for spirituality and toward intolerance and domination. Meanwhile, many men, particularly young men, are looking for images of healthy masculinity to emulate and finding nothing. To awaken what Fox calls "the sacred masculine," he unearths ten metaphors, or archetypes, ranging from the Green Man, an ancient pagan symbol of our fundamental relationship with nature, to the Grandfatherly Heart to the Spiritual Warrior. He explores archetypes of sacred marriage, showing how partnership becomes the ultimate expression of healthy masculinity. By stirring our natural yearning for healthy spirituality, Fox argues, these timeless archetypes can inspire men to pursue their higher calling to reinvent the world.