

Magic As A Political Crime In Medieval And Early Modern England A History Of Sorcery And Treason International Library Of Historical Studies

The fifteenth to eighteenth centuries was a period of witchcraft prosecutions throughout Europe and modern scholars have now devoted a huge amount of research to these episodes. This volume will attempt to bring this work together by summarising the history of the trials in a new way - according to the types of legal systems involved: magic, the elaboration of demagogical theories about witchcraft and magic, and the further development of scientific interests in natural magic through the 'Neoplatonic' and 'Hermetic' period. Amongst the topics included here are Superstition and Belief in high and popular culture, the place of Medicine, Witchcraft survives in art and literature, the 2008 Katharine Briggs Award Witch-Hunting in Scotland presents a fresh perspective on the trial and execution of the hundreds of women and men prosecuted for the crime of witchcraft, an offence that involved the alleged practice of maleficent magic and the worship of the devil, for inflicting harm on their neighbours, on law, politics and religion to explain the intensity of Scottish witch-hunting. Topics discussed include: the distinctive features of the Scottish criminal justice system the use of torture to extract confessions the intersection of witch-hunting with local and national politics the relationship between state-building and witch-hunting and the role of zealous Scottish clergy and magistrates to achieve a godly society. This original survey combines broad interpretations of the rise and fall of Scottish witchcraft prosecutions with detailed case studies of specific witch-hunts. Witch-Hunting in Scotland makes fascinating reading for anyone with an interest in witchcraft or in the political and social history of Scotland. "Treason and magic were first linked together during the reign of Edward II. Theories of occult conspiracy then regularly led to major political scandals, such as the trial of Eleanor Cobham Duchess of Gloucester in 1441. While accusations of magical treason against high-ranking figures were indeed a staple of late medieval English power politics, the "reformation" embodied by magic came to be associated with proscribed Catholic belief. Francis Young here offers the first concerted historical analysis of allegations of the use of magic either to harm or kill the monarch, or else manipulate the course of political events in England, between the fourteenth century and the subject usually either passed over or elided with witchcraft: a quite different historical phenomenon. He argues that while charges of treasonable magic certainly were used to destroy reputations or to ensure the convictions of undesirables, magic was also perceived as a genuine threat by English governments into the Civil War era and beyond. This timely and controversial book shows how crime, and the response of the authorities to it, became central to the peace process in Northern Ireland. At times, parliamentary activity threatened to destabilize the peace in Northern Ireland after 1998, but crime was central to maintaining capacity should the groups return to war. Over time attempts to reform and official judgments as to whether they were genuinely demobilizing. The state's response to crime added controversy. Police reform provided the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) and the new Organised Crime Task Force signalled the importance of crime control, but the Asset Recovery Agency, supposedly independent, was also deeply affected by the British state's response to paramilitary crime. By 2007, peace was apparently secure and paramilitaries were "de-criminalizing," but this often chaotic process was marked with questions about the British state's adherence to the rule of law. Incorporating first-hand research in the PSNI, the book offers a critical analysis of the history, criminology, and British and comparative politics."

Magic, Sex & Politics
A Warm Gun

Magick in Merlin's Realm

The Fortnightly
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Bizarre Thailand takes readers off the well-trodden road of tourist hotspots into the darkest and sexiest hinterlands. Welcome to a wilight zone where travellers become soldiers and cowboys, a black magician courts politicians and film stars, sacred tortoises mate on the streets of a small town, and Fertility Goddesses are wooed with massive phalluses. In this strange land, nothing is what it seems: a prison becomes a tourist attraction, a 20-story robot is a building, a man becomes a beauty queen, a Buddhist temple turns into hell on earth, a loving wife is immortalized as the most famous and ferocious of all phantoms, and a serial killer's corpse is reincarnated as a museum exhibit. Bizarre Thailand takes an irreverent look at how the profound, profane and frankly quite odd intertwine with the rhythms and flows of everyday Thai life, paying homage to the quintessential culture of one of Southeast Asia's most captivating destinations.

The captivating cozy mystery and instant #1 bestseller Witch You Well From USA Today and New York Times Bestseller Mystery Author Colleen Cross comes a witch cozy mystery whodunit that will make you laugh out loud. It's magic and mayhem as the witches investigate. Grab this hilarious witch cozy mystery bestseller and follow the clues as the Westwick Witches solve this magic and murder mystery. "Bewitched meets Miss Marple - 5 star fun!" "Supernatural sleuthing at its finest!" - Reviewer BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR... Book 1 in the bestselling Westwick Witches Cozy Paranormal Mystery series - a USA Today and New York Times bestseller Dead billionaires are not good for business! That's what Aunt Pearl complains to Cen when the dead body is found in the cozy family in at Westwick Corners. Still, it's not Cen's problem. She lives an ordinary life away from her witch-lul family for a reason. 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Ruby's cooking, Cendrine's amateur sleuth and investigator activities, and Aunt Pearl's magic school are always looking for that one secret ingredient that will propel the witches to fame and fortune and put the small town of Westwick Corners back on the map again. The witches are forever cooking up new business opportunities like The Westwick Corners Inn, The Witching Post Bar and Grill, and of course, Pearl's Charm School, where witches go to unravel riddles, spin magic spells, and create their own witch mysteries. Too bad they are forever getting distracted because there are always strange things happening in Westwick Corners, from petty crime to murder. The West family has always been in Westwick Corners and always will be. They descend from a long line of witches who have inhabited Westwick Corners from the beginning. Witches who unlock mysteries, solve crime, and help those in need. 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Combining history and anthropology, this study sees treasure hunting as an expression of shifting economic mentalities and changing ideas about history. This updated second edition provides an overview of the origin and development of the American criminal justice system, from the founding of Jamestown, the first English settlement, and tracing history to the events of September 11, 2001. Each chapter begins with an overview of the social, political, and economic forces that shaped society during a given era in American history. What follows, then, is an overview of the ordinary and extraordinary crimes of each era, and how the criminal justice system (police, courts, corrections, and juvenile justice) responded to these crimes, thereby conveying how the system developed over time. The roots of coincidence and conspiracy in American politics, crime, and culture are investigated in this examination of the connections between religion, political conspiracy, and occultism. Readers are presented with detailed insight into how Charlie Manson became a national boogeyman as well as startling connections between Nobel Prize-winning physicist Wolfgang Pauli, Carl Jung, and synchronicity; serial killers, multiple personality disorder, and demonic possession; and magic, surrealism, and mind control. Not a work of speculative history, this third volume of a three-part set is founded on primary source material and historical documents. Fascinating secrets are divulged involving Hollywood icons such as Marilyn Monroe, David Lynch, and Jane Fonda as well as links between the Cotton Club murders, the Bluegrass conspiracy, and the Son of Sam cult. The Theory of the Witch Trials Mythography and Political Violence in England, Scotland, and France 1559-1642 Policing the Peace In Northern Ireland Magical Treasure Hunting in Europe and North America Witch Cozy Mysteries Bestseller Bundle of Magic Roman Society in the Last Century of the Western Empire

Each volume in the series Witchcraft and Magic in Europe combines the traditional approaches of political, legal, and social historians with a critical synthesis of cultural anthropology, historical psychology, and gender studies. The series, complete in six volumes, provides a modern, scholarly survey of the supernatural beliefs of Europeans from ancient times to the present day. Most European prosecutions for the crime of witchcraft occurred between the fifteenth and seventeenth centuries, with the peak coming in the hundred years after 1560. This volume brings together the large amount of recent scholarship on witchcraft of this period and provides a novel analysis of the trials by considering the legal systems involved. Witch hunts, methods of torture, and the scientific interest in magic spells and demonology as an intellectual pursuit are also covered in detail. FINALIST at 2015 LONDON BOOK FAIR's THE WRITE STUFF prize. Can a non-fictional book be as interesting as a page-turner fictional plot?Can it be at the same time a tycoon's biography, a mafia tale, a gangster story, a political thriller, an essay on democracy, a dystopia, a sociological analysis of a nation, a scandalous sex story? If the subject-matter is Silvio Berlusconi's incredible story and Italy, the answer is yes. This book, in fact, is a unique portrait of Italy's godfather and also a detailed picture of Italian society, an attempt to allow the foreign reader to understand how it has been possible for an alleged mafia-linked business magnate and media tycoon, constantly in trouble with justice and drenched in vice, to become the most popular political leader, Prime Minister and the absolute master of the country for the last twenty years. Berlusconi is often considered the personification of corruption, of disrespect for the law, of the liaison between organized crime - politics, of immoral behaviour, typical features of that 'immoral majority' of the country. Still, there are many open questions that this book tries to answer: How come Berlusconi grabbed complete control of all Italian information and used it as a Weapon of Mass Deception that turned viewers into faithful voters? How was he able to pass laws ad-personam that made him almost untouchable by the Judicial Power and favoured his business and financial activities in an unfair game? Can we say that Berlusconi is the very symbol of a concentration of political, economic and media power in one single person never seen before, a fact that has created the greatest conflicts of interests in the Western World, or is he just another pawn in a bigger game? What is hidden under Italy's well-known surface beauty, artistry and creativity? Does Dante's underworld Inferno still exist today? Is the erosion of democracy in Berlusconi's period a trend of modern capitalism, as some 'dystopian' writers predicted? It is often assumed that terrorism is a modern phenomenon. The word was only invented in the late eighteenth century, but terrorism has a deep past, going back to the Bible and ancient history. In the period between 1559 and 1642, in England, Scotland, and France, it became a subject of intense discussion, as incidents of terrorist violence came to play an increasingly dramatic role in political life. Princes were assassinated. Massacres broke out. In the name of 'ancient liberty' and religious purity, early moderns engaged in signal acts of violence which sent messages which were full of the power of changing power. Meanwhile, terrorism appeared onstage, in narrative and lyrical poems, in political treatises, and history books. This study shows how and why that happened, with a view toward the structure of this phenomenon without a name, terrorism before the letter.

Belief in magic was, until relatively recent times, widespread in Britain; yet the impact of such belief on determinative political events has frequently been overlooked. In his wide-ranging new book, Francis Young explores the role of occult traditions in the history of the island of Great Britain: Merlin's realm. He argues that while the great magus and artificer invented by Geoffrey of Monmouth was a powerful model for a succession of actual royal magical advisers (including Roger Bacon and John Dee), monarchs nevertheless often lived in fear of hostile sorcery while at other times they even attempted magic themselves. Successive governments were simultaneously fascinated by astrology and alchemy, yet also deeply wary of the possibility of treasonous spellcraft. Whether deployed in warfare, rebellion or propaganda, occult traditions were of central importance to British history and, as the author reveals, these dark arts of magic and politics remain entangled to this day.

Roman Society in Last Century of Roman Empire
A Portrait of the Country and its Godfather

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This volume of occult and conspiracy in American politics, crime, and culture are examined in this book, exposing new connections between religion, political conspiracy, and occultism. Readers are taken from ancient American civilization and the mysterious mound builder culture to the Salem witch trials, the birth of Mormonism during a ritual of ceremonial magic by Joseph Smith, Jr., and Operations Paperclip and Bluebird. Not a work of speculative history, this exposé is founded on primary source material and historical documents. Fascinating details are revealed, including the bizarre world of "wandering bishops" who appear throughout the Kennedy assassinations; a CIA mind control program run amok in the United States and Canada; a famous American spiritual leader who had ties to Lee Harvey Oswald in the weeks and months leading up to the assassination of President Kennedy; and the "Manson secret." Magic as a Political Crime in Medieval and Early Modern England A History of Sorcery and TreasonBlossoms Publishing This monograph makes a seminal contribution to existing literature on the importance of Roman law in the development of political thought in Europe. In particular it examines the expression 'dominus mundi', following it through the texts of the medieval jurists - the Glossators and Post-Glossators - up to the political thought of Hobbes. Understanding the concept of dominus mundi sheds light on how medieval jurists understood ownership of individual things; it is more complex than it might seem; and this book investigates these complexities. The book also offers important new insights into Thomas Hobbes, especially with regard to the end of dominus mundi and the replacement by Leviathan. Finally, the book has important relevance for contemporary political theory. With fading of political diversity Monateri argues "that the actual setting of globalisation represents the reappearance of the Ghost of the Dominus Mundi, a political refoulé - repressed - a reappearance of its sublime nature, and a struggle to restore its universal legitimacy, and take its place." In making this argument, the book adds an important original vision to current debates in legal and political philosophy. One of the most intriguing, and disturbing, aspects of history is that most people in early modern Europe believed in the reality and dangers of witchcraft. Most historians have described the witchcraft phenomenon as one of tremendous violence. In France, dozens of books, pamphlets and tracts, depicting witchcraft as the most horrible of crimes, were published and widely distributed. Yet, in his new book, The Crime of Crimes: Demonology and Politics in France, 1560-1620, Jonathan Pearl shows that France carried out relatively few executions for witchcraft. Through careful research he shows that a zealous Catholic faction identified the Protestant rebels as traitors and heretics in league with the devil and clamoured for the political and legal establishment to exterminate these enemies of humanity. But the courts were dominated by moderate Catholics whose political views were in sharp contrast to those of the zealots and, as a result, the demonologists failed to ignite a major witch-craze in France. Very few studies have taken such a careful and penetrating look at demonology in France. The Crime of Crimes: Demonology and Politics in France, 1560-1620 sheds new light on an important period in the history of witchcraft and will be welcomed by scholars and laypersons alike. A History of Crime and Criminal Justice in America The Magic of Rogues Silvio Berlusconi's Italy A History of Sorcery and Treason Demonology and Politics in France, 1560-1620 Westwick Witches Magical Mystery - A Supernatural Mystery Box Set

The essays in this Handbook, written by leading scholars working in the rapidly developing field of witchcraft studies, explore the historical literature regarding witch beliefs and witch trials in Europe and colonial America between the early fifteenth and early eighteenth centuries. During these years witches were thought to be evil people who used magical power to inflict physical harm or misfortune on their neighbours. Witches were also believed to have made pacts with the devil and sometimes to have worshipped him at nocturnal assemblies known as sabbaths. These beliefs provided the basis for defining witchcraft as a secular and ecclesiastical crime and prosecuting tens of thousands of women and men for this offence. The trials resulted in as many as fifty thousand executions. These essays study the rise and fall of witchcraft prosecutions in the various conditions of Europe and in English, Spanish, and Portuguese colonies in the Americas. They also relate these prosecutions to the Catholic and Protestant Reformation, the introduction of new forms of criminal procedure, medical and scientific thought, the process of state-building, profound social and economic change, and the wane of demonic possessions that occurred in Europe at the same time. The essays survey the current state of knowledge in the field, explore the academic controversies that have arisen regarding beliefs and witch trials, propose new ways of studying the subject, and identify areas for future research. The Affair of the Poisons was the greatest court scandal of the seventeenth century. From 1679 to 1682 the French court investigated more than 400 people—including Louis XIV's official mistress and members of the highest-ranking circles at court—for sensational crimes. In Strange Revelations, Lynn Mollenauer brings this bizarre story to life, exposing a criminal magical underworld living in the heart of the Sun King's capital. The macabre details of the Affair of the Poisons read like a gothic novel. In the fall of 1678, Nicolas de la Reynie, head of the Paris police, uncovered a plot to poison Louis XIV. La Reynie's subsequent investigation unveiled a loosely knit community of sorceresses, magicians, and renegade priests who offered to save an array of services and products ranging from abortions to love magic to poisons known as 'inheritance powders.' It was the inheritance powders (usually made from powdered toes stepped in arsenic) that led the Affair of the Poisons's name. The purchasers of the powders gave the affair its notoriety, for the scandal extended into the most exalted ranks of the French court. Mollenauer adroitly uses the Affair of the Poisons to uncover the hidden forms of power that men and women of all social classes invoked to interest in the history of court society, gender, magic, or crime in early modern Europe. Edward Bulwer-Lytton— who coined the terms "the great unwashed" and "the pen is mightier than the sword"—is best remembered for persuading Dickens to change the ending of Great Expectations; but Lord Lytton was a prolific and influential novelist in his own right, inspiring Edgar Allan Poe, H. Rider Haggard and Madame Blavatsky, among others. His radicalism was applauded by William Godwin, the father of both Mary Shelley and the anarchist movement, and his ideas about power foreshadowed those of Friedrich Nietzsche. Fascinated by crime, Bulwer-Lytton was an outspoken critic of his society, both in his novels and throughout his political career. Equally fascinated by paranormal phenomena, he wrote two of the most important occult fantasies in English literature and set the agenda of the Society for Psychical Research. His historical romance The Last Days of Pompeii has inspired several movies and a star-studded television series, while his stately home at Knobworth has provided brooding Gothic backdrops for many other films. This book covers Bulwer-Lytton's novels in detail, exploring their influence on writers and film makers and, via Richard Wagner's operatic adaptation of Rienzi, the catastrophe of Adolf Hitler. From bestselling author Colleen Cross comes a new spooktacular mystery box set. You'll love these laugh out loud, humorous cozy mysteries! Three full-length witch cozy mystery books of paranormal suspense in one specially-priced Westwick Witches Cozy Paranormal Mystery box set! 1. Witch You Well Be careful what you wish for... Dead billionaires are not good for business! That's what Aunt Pearl complains to Cen when the body is found in the cozy family in at Westwick Corners. Still, it's not Cen's problem. She lives an ordinary life away from her witch-lul family for a reason. She's got her ordinary fiancé and her ordinary job as a journalist using no magic whatsoever, and no inconvenient local murder is going to change her comfortable existence. Even if her fiancé is acting weird and talking about seeing ghosts. Even if the town's sexy new sheriff, Tyler Gates, treats her like the most heaving of all the witches... If you love funny cozy mysteries infused with a dose of humor and the supernatural, you'll love this paranormal witch cozy mystery! Witch You Well appeals to readers of the Stephanie Plum series by Janet Evanovich. Sign up for Colleen's new release notifications at <http://www.colleenross.com/>. "OMG I loved this witch cozy collection. Get ready to laugh out loud and stay up past bedtime!" "Wow...I can't wait for her next book. The Westwick Witches are crazy and laugh out loud babies!" If the Good Witch and Practical Magic were murder mysteries, this would be it! "...A bewitching, supernatural treat. If you love witch cozy mysteries you'll love Cendrine West and her wacky witch family!" 2. Rags to Witches Win, lose, or draw Cendrine West can I catch a break. She s close to landing a new job, and things are getting cozy with sexy sheriff Tyler Gates. All that changes when she is kidnapped by renegade witch Aunt Pearl, who is hell bent on avenging a friend s untimely death. Its Las Vegas but roost is for all the wrong reasons. Rocco Raccatelli is a hunky Vegas kinpian and the next mob target. Lady Luck has dealt him a losing hand and he wants revenge. When Aunt Pearl is the little toeager to help, project Vegas Vendetta quickly escalates into an all-out mob turf war. As the witches are thrust into Sin City s seamy underworld, bodies pile up and secrets are exposed. It s not just the Las Vegas heat that s scorching...Bucco is intent on winning Cen s heart. But she only wants the man she left behind in Westwick Corners. All she has to do is solve a murder, out-magic her ornery aunt, and take down the Las Vegas mafia. What could possibly go wrong? When organized crime meets unorganized magic, anything can happen! As the body count rises, it s clear that Cen needs more than a miracle in the desert to set things right. 3. Witch and Famous Lights, camera, assassn! A Hollywood movie shoot comes to town and journalist Cendrine West is eager for a solid paycheck. As the star turns up the action, but she manages to win the stars show up to Timesstown tragedy. Bodies are piling up faster than a coven s worth of curses, and everything points back to Cen s star-struck family. They will stop at nothing in their quest for supernatural stardom, even if that means meddling in a murder investigation. The witches have created one spell of a mess and given the killer a chance to get away with murder. Cen resorts to her own blend of supernatural justice to keep her family in check, but can she unmask the killer before he strikes again? Welcome to the wild, wild West! Fans of Janet Evanovich and paranormal mystery, cozy mystery, and wickedly funny witches will love The Westwick Witchel! From the author: Westwick Corners isn't your typical small town. Or even a normal ghost town. It's where people go not to be found, and witches go to work their magic without attracting too much attention. The combination makes from some interesting and humorous mysteries, and the witches are always at the center of the action! Ruby's cooking, Cendrine's amateur sleuth and investigator activities, and Aunt Pearl's magic school are always looking for that one secret ingredient that will prop the witches to fame and fortune and put the small town of Westwick Corners back on the map again. The witches are forever cooking up new business opportunities like The Westwick Corners Inn, The Witching Post Bar and Grill, and of course, Pearl's Charm School, where witches go to unravel riddles, spin magic spells, and create their own witch mysteries. Too bad they are forever getting distracted because there are always strange things happening in Westwick Corners, from petty crime to murder. The West family has always been in Westwick Corners and always will be. They descend from a long line of witches who have inhabited Westwick Corners from the beginning. Witches who unlock mysteries, solve crime, and help those in need. They are collectively a kind of a witch of all trades, because pitching in--or is it witching in--is what you do in a small town. Everyone helps out. Even Grandmá Vi the ghost investigates and the Wests. But when everyone pulls together, it's not always in the same direction! If you like a good puzzle, a good laugh, and a good witch mystery series, you'll love these witch cozy mystery books, cozy mystery paperbacks, and cozy mystery audiobooks too! I am writing the next book in this series of paranormal cozy mysteries, a cozy paranormal that takes place on Christmas Eve. As long as people like these humorous cozy mysteries I will keep on writing them. 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Magic, Poison, and Sacrilege in Louis XIV's France

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A Grimoire of American Political Witchcraft

In 1510, nine men were tried in the Archbishop's Court in York for attempting to find and extract a treasure on the moor near Mixindale through necromantic magic. Two decades later, William Neville and his magician were arrested by Thomas Cromwell for having engaged in a treasonous combination of magic practices and prophecy surrounding the death of William's older brother, Lord Latimer, and the king. In The Magic of Rogues, Frank Klaassen and Sharon Hubbs Wright present the legal documents about and open a window onto these fascinating investigations of magic practitioners in early Tudor England. Set side by side with sixteenth- and seventeenth-century texts that describe the sorts of magic those practitioners performed, these documents are translated, contextualized, and presented in language accessible to nonspecialist readers. Their analysis reveals how magicians and cunning folk operated in extended networks in which they exchanged knowledge, manuscripts, equipment, and even clients; foregrounds magicians' encounters with authority in ways that separate them from traditional narratives about witchcraft and witch trials; and suggests that the regulation and punishment of magic in the Tudor period were comparatively and perhaps surprisingly gentle. Incorporating the study of both intellectual and legal sources, The Magic of Rogues presents a well-rounded picture of illicit learned magic in early Tudor England. Engaging and accessible, this book will appeal to anyone seeking to understand the intersection of medieval legal history, religion, magic, esotericism, and Tudor history.

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Loss is a fundamental human condition that often leads both individuals and groups to seek redress in the form of violence. But are there possible modes of redress to reckon with loss that might lead to a departure from the violence of collective and individual revenge? This book focuses on the redress of political crime in Germany and Lebanon, extending its analysis to questions of accountability and democratization in the United States and elsewhere. To understand the proposed modes of redress, John Borneman links the way the actors define their injuries to the cultural forms of redress these injuries assume and to the social contexts in which they are open to refiguring. Borneman theorizes modes of accountability, the meaning of "regime change" and the American occupation of Iraq, and the mechanisms of democratic authority in Europe and North America.

Witchcraft and Magic in Europe, Volume 4

The Crime of Crimes

Political Sublime and the World Order

Fables of the Law

Dreaming the Dark

A History

The Routledge History of Witchcraft is a comprehensive and interdisciplinary study of the belief in witches from antiquity to the present day, providing both an introduction to the subject of witchcraft and an overview of the on-going debates. This extensive collection covers the entire breadth of the history of witchcraft, from the witches of Ancient Greece and medieval demonology through to the victims of the witch hunts, and onwards to children's books, horror films, and modern pagans. Drawing on the knowledge and expertise of an international team of authors, the book examines differing concepts of witchcraft that still exist in society and explains their historical, literary, religious, and anthropological origin and development, including the reflections and adaptations of this belief in art and popular culture. The volume is divided into four chronological parts, beginning with Antiquity and the Middle Ages in Part One, Early Modern witch hunts in Part Two, modern concepts of witchcraft in Part Three, and ending with an examination of witchcraft and the arts in Part Four. Each chapter offers a glimpse of a different version of the witch, introducing the reader to the diversity of witches that have existed in different contexts throughout history. Exploring a wealth of texts and case studies and offering a broad geographical scope for examining this fascinating subject, The Routledge History of Witchcraft is essential reading for students and academics interested in the history of witchcraft.

Treason and magic were first linked together during the reign of Edward II. Theories of occult conspiracy then regularly led to major political scandals, such as the trial of Eleanor Cobham Duchess of Gloucester in 1441. While accusations of magical treason against high-ranking figures were indeed a staple of late medieval English power politics, they acquired new significance at the Reformation when the 'superstition' embodied by magic came to be associated with proscribed Catholic belief. Francis Young here offers the first concerted historical analysis of allegations of the use of magic either to harm or kill the monarch, or else manipulate the course of political events in England, between the fourteenth century and the dawn of the Enlightenment. His book addresses a subject usually either passed over or elided with witchcraft: a quite different historical phenomenon. He argues that while charges of treasonable magic certainly were used to destroy reputations or to ensure the convictions of undesirables, magic was also perceived as a genuine threat by English governments into the Civil War era and beyond.

In medieval and early modern Europe, the practice of alchemy promised extraordinary physical transformations. Who would not be amazed to see base metals turned into silver and gold, hard iron into soft water, and deadly poison into elixirs that could heal the human body? To defend such claims, alchemists turned to the past, scouring ancient books for evidence of a lost alchemical heritage and seeking to translate their secret language and obscure imagery into replicable, practical effects. Tracing the development of alchemy in England over four hundred years, from the beginning of the fourteenth century to the end of the seventeenth, Jennifer M. Rampling illuminates the role of alchemical reading and experimental practice in the broader context of national and scientific history. Using new manuscript sources, she shows how practitioners like George Ripley, John Dee, and Edward Kelley, as well as many previously unknown alchemists, devised new practical approaches to alchemy while seeking the support of English monarchs. By reconstructing their alchemical ideas, practices, and disputes, Rampling reveals how English alchemy was continually reinvented over the space of four centuries, resulting in changes to the science itself. In so doing, The Experimental Fire bridges the intellectual history of chemistry and the wider worlds of early modern patronage, medicine, and science.

What can fables and fairytales tell us of law, its practices and ideals? Drawing on real and metaphorical literary and jurisprudential accounts and practices of law, this volume reveals that law has recourse to fables and fairytales as moral exempla, as a new form of law and literature, found in diverse sources ranging from the fables of de La Fontaine and fairytales of Perrault and Grimm to the modern fairytales of True Blood and Harry Potter.

A History of Occult Politics in Britain

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Strange Revelations

A comprehensive reference guide to all things occult, covering a broad range of magic tradition from Babylonian times to the present day. This authoritative reference text by linguist and occult expert Harry E. Wedeck offers a broad understanding of witchcraft, necromancy, paganism, the occult, and many of magic's other manifestations. With in-depth information on essential concepts, practices, and vocabulary, Dictionary of Magic also covers many of the most notable wizards and demonographers. Perhaps the most famous word in all of magic, Abracadabra is in fact a magic formula used in incantations against sickness or ill luck. Black Mass is a mass held in honor of the Devil. Geloscopy is the practice of divination through observing someone's laughter. From A-to-Z, Wedeck covers magical names and terms from around the world and down through the ages.

USA Today bestselling author Jennifer Blackstream reveals the next pulse-pounding installment in the Blood Trails series. Political intrigue is for wizards. Shade has never agreed with her old mentor's advice more than she does now. But if unraveling a political conspiracy is her only chance to escape the past month of magical boot camp and goblin-sparring, interspersed with seductive attempts by her sidhe master to make their relationship permanent, then so be it. A government spook saw something he shouldn't have—a glimpse of the Otherworld. Now his life is in danger, and it's up to Shade to save him. Unfortunately, there are a lot of monsters behind the scenes pulling political strings. Demons, sidhe, sorceresses, even the vampiric crime lord of Cleveland himself. Any one of them could have frightened the political fixer into madness. And they'll do much worse to Shade if she threatens to uncover their secrets...

Dominus Mundi

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