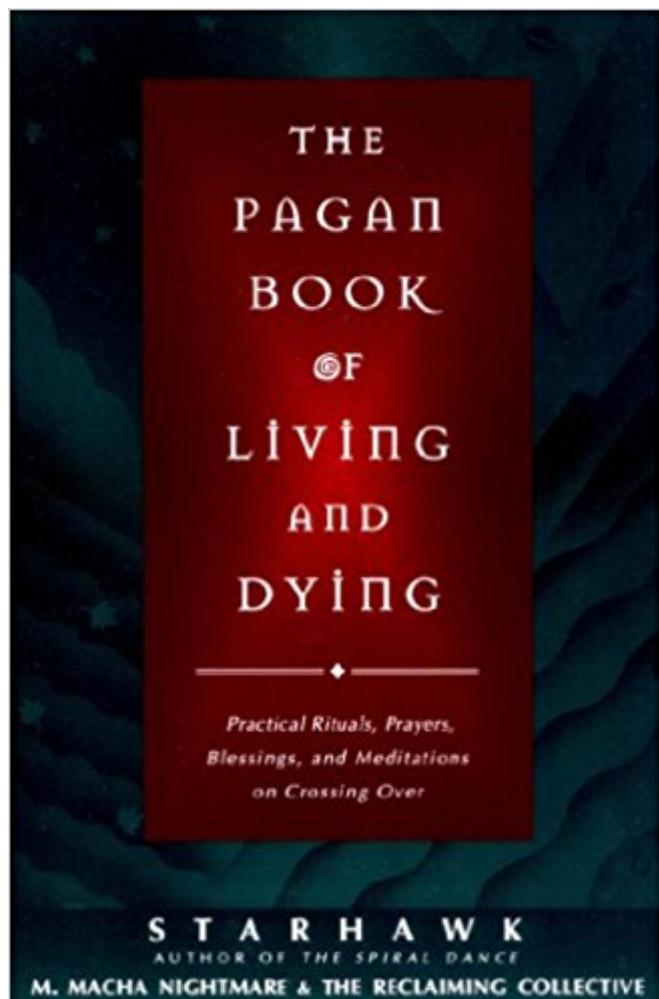


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Customer Reviews

I had misplaced my previous version and missed it sorely. As I've been doing a number of transitions lately (Pagan & Cowen) I needed to buy another TPBoL&D as it is a wealth of information on all levels and across all spectra. This is not for the novice Witch as it presupposes a firm dedication to the practices and beliefs of the Old Religion. For an experienced Priestess, this book is invaluable.

This is a beautiful book on pagan rites and thoughts, and the inevitable conversations about living and dying relevant to pagans of all paths. One of the first I've seen of it's kind. Worth the read.

There are many books on handfastings and other rites of passage, but very few that discuss and give outlines for the rites of an earth-based spirituality. As I grow older, sadly, I find I am called upon to officiate more of these type of rites. This book is an invaluable resource in planning death and dying rituals for those of us who are not involved in the more popular spiritualities. I highly recommend this book to all who find themselves in the role of officiant.

Excellent! This book has helped me immensely to assist others, non-pagan as well, in coming to grips with long term, debilitating health issues, preparing to die and opening dialogue with my patients about their impending death and what their wishes may be after they pass. I'm on my second hard copy but now have it in EBook format as well. Thank you, Starhawk and Macha for this invaluable information.

I cannot say enough good things about this book!!! The layout of the book is very approachable. The personal stories, rituals, prayers, songs, chants, poems, and meditations are invaluable!! especially enjoyed the story "Bo's Cremation" by Patricia Michael. The details given of his life and death are so personal and helpful. The instructions (and examples of trial/error) in obtaining a loved one's body, keeping it on dry ice, and setting up your own viewing and cremation ceremony was amazing. I was also thoroughly drawn to the story "Aric Arthur Graf Dies (or Rickie Goes to Become an Ancestor)" by Donald L. Engstrom. This story was very intimate and striking. The idea of the author going into trance and being able to astrally project himself with his loved one on another plane about to cross over was mesmerizing. The items about using the Tarot with death related activities was helpful. The last section of the book gives fabulous concrete things you can do to make sure all your "things" are in order for your own death. This should be read and acted upon by all, because you just never know when you may have to go (like one section of the book says--always keep your bags packed). Being fairly new to the Wiccan religion still, I feel like I have a more concrete understanding in the Pagan beliefs of death and dying. I feel more enlightened about the subject in general as well. I found the section on suicide to help answer a lot of questions I had about that. The book doesn't just make it a cut-and-dried topic either, it talks about the intricacies of suicide based on depression, long term health illness, and other topics. It's been said in other reviews, but I must reiterate--This book belongs in EVERY Pagan home. The sooner the better.

I picked up this book to assist me with end-of-life planning and ritual design. Overall I found it to be excellent quality; It was written in plain language that was easy to understand and the rituals given

proved very useful (I had to deal with a death literally several days after receiving this book and it was VERY USEFUL in putting together a ritual on the fly). My only gripe is that it is wrought with several political subjects. There is a large portion of the book that covers the right to die and how it should be codified into law (and under what circumstances such a decision should be made). This isn't to say that it exalts suicide or euthanasia but it did raise up a slight red flag of sorts with me. As a medical student I find the apparent disdain for western medicine and common burial practices (in the western world) somewhat alarming. It is an undertone rather than bold print writing, but it made me slightly uncomfortable when reading those portions. I do not regret the purchase in the slightest and while I don't exactly hope that I'll have a lot of use for the information, I'm glad to have this book in my library. It has already proved handy and will no doubt be of use in the future.

I needed these reminders after becoming a widow. Thank you for the well put together book

Always enjoy Starhawk's style of writing

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