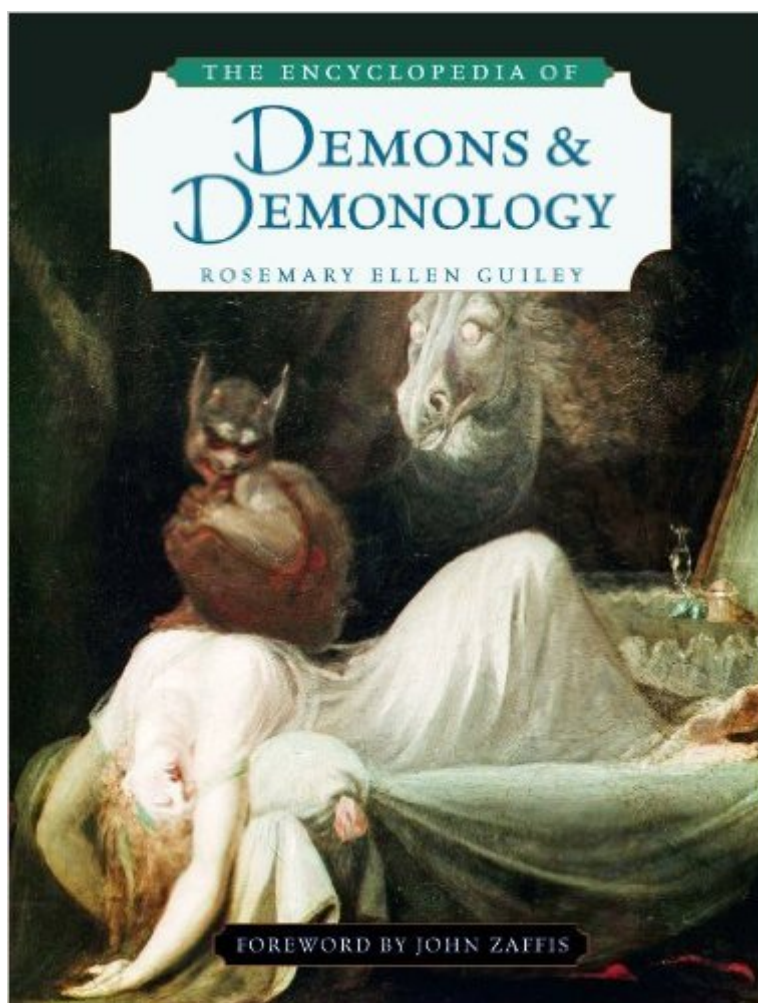


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The Encyclopedia Of Demons And Demonology



Synopsis

The Encyclopedia of Demons and Demonology explores this dark aspect of folklore and religion and the role that demons play in the modern world. This comprehensive resource presents more than 400 entries and more than 80 black-and-white photographs documenting beliefs about demons and demonology from ancient history to the present.

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Customer Reviews

I had some trepidations about buying this book, primarily because so many "Encyclopedia" works tend to be extremely limited in scope. Not so with this volume. While no book of this nature can be truly comprehensive, this book offers an extremely broad range of subjects, with decent detail and interesting illustrations throughout. More important, however, is the completeness of the author's annotations; by following the annotations at the end of each entry, I have had an excellent starting point with which to continue my research on any subject that I found intriguing enough to follow up on. I bought this work as an artist, looking for symbolism and information that I could incorporate into my work (which is largely religious in nature). I also study the paranormal, and much of the content of this book has been illuminating to those studies, as well. If you are looking for a quick, down-and-dirty reference to a broad range of demonic subjects, this book is a solid purchase.

I'm not sure who I bought this from but I got it quickly and it was in great shape, so kudos to them for that. The book itself is a pretty good buy but not for someone just starting out on the topic of

demonology as I am. I'd gather that it is better for someone who has studied demonology for a while, and when they get stuck trying to remember how many Aerial Spirits of Solomon there were, or whether Beelzebub looked like a fly or a spider, then this book is a good place to jog the memory. But for someone starting out, you won't get a clear coherent story. You'll start reading at A, encounter your first of Solomon's many demons, and then you'll flip to the section on Solomon. You'll be intrigued and find the whole thing interesting but you'll want more than is available. From what I've been reading, a lot of the information on a lot of the demons is limited even in the original texts in which they appeared. But still, it's an encyclopedia, so perhaps much of the information was just omitted. If you're looking for a good historical analysis of the origin of a demon, or how a "demon" evolved after its first appearance in the Old Testament, then you should look elsewhere. The book does have good "further reading" notes at the end of each section. The suggested books are likely the ones you'd want to read first. I'm eager to learn more about the history of the origins of these demons, how their stories evolved and their legends came to be throughout history. If that's what you're looking for, do a little more research and skip this one. But if you're just looking for a demonic freak show of sorts, or you're trying to come up with some baby names that'll piss off your religious parents, this is book is for you.

Not very extensive, Author spends some 50-60 pages on a demon possessed nun case that was a hoax. About 30 percent of the book is the demons mentioned in Solomonic books. Things that deserve a full page get two lines, things that deserve 2 lines get 50 pages. Some of the listings appear to be no name people whom are friends with the author. There are many images in the book, many of them famous images, but most are listed as coming from the "Author's collection", instead of listing where they really came from. Way too much of the author's opinion all throughout the book, she is obviously a satanic/witchcraft apologist. This is supposed to be an encyclopedia, a lot of it is the author's ignorant opinions. Waste of \$17, you can google any of the terms listed and gain much more information.

This book is absolutely deserving of a shelf spot in your paranormal or magical library. It is a very detailed encyclopedia about the origin, names, famous people involved, where they come from, and further suggested reading collection. There are great pictures and the writing is fun not bland and boring. I own all of her encyclopedias and this is one of my favorites. Plus I love the forward by John Zaffis the nephew of Ed Warren!

Perfect collection of information, neatly put together. Keep in mind, for any of you who did internet searches to get your information in the past, there is a LOT of information here, about a lot of different of demons and items associated with demons, so in that sense you can find yourself reading for a while and still not past the 'A' section. In short, I only knew of maybe 50 or so demons from various religions. This book has hundreds more. It would be nice to see a book breaking demons down by 'type' but that could take forever and of course many function in different ways. I especially love that she has all of her resources after each entry. She also tries to remain neutral, which can be hard when you are writing about people faking that they are possessed to further their career. In addition, she acknowledges when a particular demon is viewed as a god by some and a demon to other religions.

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A must for everyone! Goes over many different types of demons, levels of hell, films about demons, demonology and more, books, writers, historians and other all within the context of demons and demonology. I think it's one of the more complete reference books out there on the subject, as they can be hard to come by at such a large size (there are a number of smaller books out there that cover a few basics). Of course she had to cut some short while leaving other entries longer, regardless the most important aspects of the information is there, especially dealing with the actual demons (since there is information and entries about movies, books, plays and so on that deal with demons). I'd recommend for anyone but especially those who are advanced, starting off demonology and who are not frightened by what the text represents.

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