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Raven Grimassi : Beltane: Springtime Rituals, Lore, Celebration before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Beltane: Springtime Rituals, Lore, Celebration:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Another great Pagan/Wiccan book to 'dip into' again and again By S. M. Kwadrans Beltane: Springtime Rituals, Lore and Celebration by Raven Grimassi is one of the eight 'wheel-of-the-year' books published by Llewellyn. Readers who are Pagan, Neo-Pagan, Wiccan, or self-identify as a witchy-type-person will know what I mean. Casual readers who don't know what those words mean will be surprised and pleasantly educated when they 'dip into' "Beltaine." All those quaint art class projects and traditions schoolchildren used to make and do in May I suspect are now forgotten, and those of us who are old--er, mature--enough to remember them will be either nostalgic or surprised how those art projects and traditions originated--and what they originally meant. The contents are comprehensive: the celebration of May, the spirits of May, fairy lore, flower lore, spells and recipes (the recipes are worth finding this book), May rituals, arts and crafts (the crafts are worth doing even if you aren't pagan or witchy!), and finally (whew!), a chapter about May (or late spring) customs and rituals in other parts of

the world (is Euro-centric, but that may be an aspect of other ancient cultures not recording their customs). Lastly, there's a bibliography, and the book is indexed, which makes 'dipping into' it quick and easy. As my review title says, "Beltaine" is another great pagan/wiccan book to 'dip into' again and again. If you're not familiar with the other books in this (unofficial, informal) series, Llewellyn features blurbs about them, and other books by Raven Grimassi, at the back of the book. P.S. And the 'real' reason why I'm here? My husband ordered books from , the box was delivered today, the books were gift-wrapped, and, of course, like Pandora and cats, I just had to peek at the receipt, and he's bought Yule: A Celebration of Light and Warmth by Dorothy Morrison for me--but I have it already! (And I missed a chance to see her at a lecture and signing in mid-October!) Oh, and all the nice things I've said about "Beltaine" go double for "Yule"! Note: Even ordinary, not-a-clue-about-magick persons who are interested in history, ancient cultures, unusual customs, and unique recipes will appreciate "Beltaine"; unusual conversation starters and trivia treasures abound within. Note to self: Show my husband where my pagan/wiccan/herbal/cooking/tarot decks/books are shelved in our library/computer room... and clean my wishlist! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Born on May 1st By Pat in Syracuse Chock full of information recipes! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Beltane Review By A. E. Terry Like the other Sabbat books in Llewellyn's series, this offers up a good basic 101 introduction to the Beltane Sabbat. A wide variety of information is given on history, lore, rituals, spells, deities and spirits. Because it is the author Raven Grimassi and I've heard some negatives about him, information about Hobbyhorses at Beltane and Dusio for example, I felt inclined to go double check sources. It does cause me to take this with a grain of salt. Despite that, for a beginner for the 101 approach, this book does very well. And Llewellyn's tendency to pump out a lot of these type books does work as a strength for this book and the others in the series.

Hail Spring with a "Bright Fire" Celebration! Discover the roots of Beltane or "bright fire," the ancient Pagan festival that celebrates spring, and the return of nature's season of growth and renewal. In the only book written solely on this ancient Pagan festival, you'll explore the evolution of the May Pole and various folklore characters connected to May Day celebrations. Raven Grimassi reveals the history behind the revelry, and shows you how to welcome this sacred season of fertility, growth, and gain with: May Day magick and divination: Beltane spells to attract money, success, love, and serenity; scrying with a bowl or glass Beltane goodies: Quick May Wine, Bacchus Pudding, May Serpent Cake, May Wreath Cake Seasonal crafts: Maypole centerpiece, May wreath and garland, pentacle hair braids, May Day basket Springtime rituals and traditions: the Maypole dance, May doll, the Mummer's Play, Beltane fires, May King and Queen Myths, fairy and flower lore: Green Man, Jack-in-the-Green, Dusio, Hobby Horse; elves, trolls and fairies; spring flowers and their correspondences This well-researched book corrects many of the common misconceptions associated with May Day, and will help you appreciate the spirituality and connection to Nature that are intimate elements of May Day Celebrations. Welcome the season of fertility, flowers, and fairies with Beltane: Springtime Rituals, Lore Celebration.

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