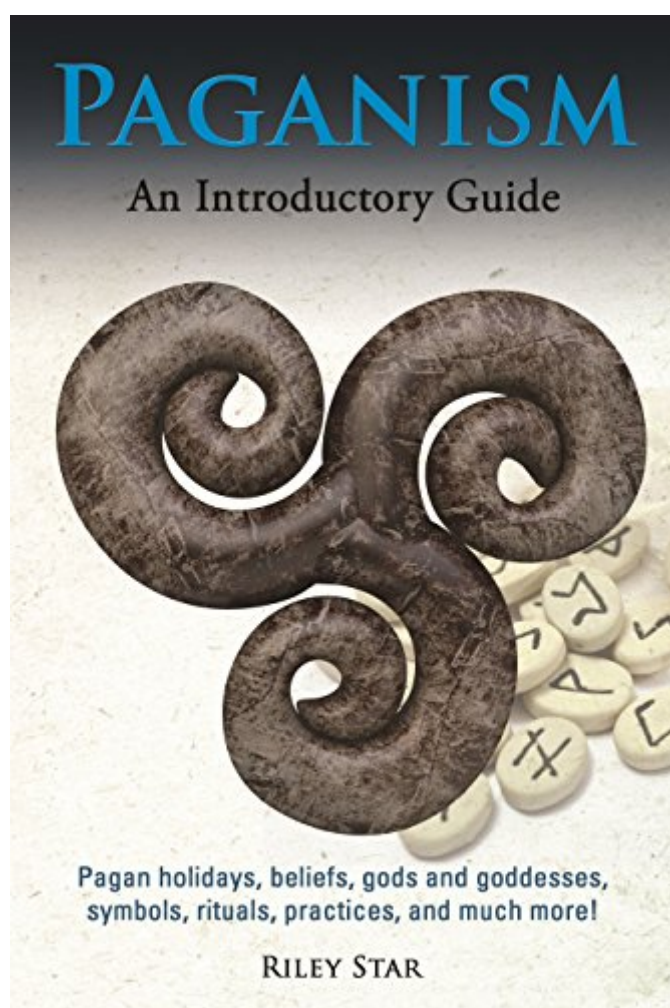


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# Paganism: Pagan Holidays, Beliefs, Gods And Goddesses, Symbols, Rituals, Practices, And Much More! An Introductory Guide



## Synopsis

What is paganism? Is it an heretical faith that stands in opposition to Christianity? It is devil worship? The answer is no times three. Paganism does not refer to a single religion, but to a collection of earth-centric polytheistic philosophies that harken back to belief structures that pre-date Christianity. Pagans of all types believe that there are many paths to reach a harmonious relationship with deity. No single one is more valid than another. Since pagans do not see the world as locked in a cosmic struggle between good and evil, they do not recognize the Christian concept of Satan nor do they worship him. The notion of paganism as heretic is only valid when seen through the lens of Christianity. In her latest book, author Riley Starr offers a gentle introduction to the world of earth religions aimed at the beginner. Using Wicca, Druidry, and Odinism as exemplars, Starr explains what it means to function both as a pagan within a group and as a sole practitioner. With suggestions for starting a ritualistic life and for adopting the use of protective symbols, Starr opens the door for new followers of paganism to take the first steps in their own journey and encourages them to embrace a lifelong study of the deities and symbols that speak exclusively to them. Pagan holidays, beliefs, gods and goddesses, symbols, rituals, practices, and much more!

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This book is very short - I should have noticed that before purchasing it, so that's on me. Be aware, it clocks in at only 120 pages and in addition to writing, those pages also contain rudimentary symbols and black&white pictures; not to mention, there is a "notes" blank page after most chapters. These blank pages are included in the total pages, even though they contain no information. And, the font is larger than most books ... all, no doubt, to reach that 120 page total.

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My issue though, and the reason for the 2 star rating, is due to the fact that this book is very light on content. There's nothing here that an average Google search won't produce. There are other "basic" and "beginner" and "starter" books on Paganism that are much better and more thorough. I strongly suggest you continue your search and by-pass this book. I Found These Two "Beginner" Books Particularly Good :  
Paganism: An Introduction to Earth-Centered Religions by River Higginbotham and Joyce Higginbotham  
To Walk a Pagan Path: Practical Spirituality for Every Day by Alaric Albertsson

Please Note : I purchased the hard-copy of this book for \$11.99 and found it not worth the price - I would give it one star. If you are looking for a free read via the Kindle Unlimited program, the two stars apply simply for the gathering of information.

I read this very quickly. I'd say less than a couple hours- it was a very interesting perspective on Paganism with lots of good points & ideas to remember, especially if you're just getting started! In the back it has many resources for recommended books & online websites, too, which I found very helpful. Thanks!

A great starting place for anyone interested in Paganism in general or are just starting out on the Pagan path. This little gem of a book introduces you to the tools and pantheons used within general

Paganism and Witchcraft/Druidry. Not for the advanced practitioner but definitely a wonderful resource for the Seeker!

This book offers a good overview of paganism, druids and wicca, as practiced today. A quick read. Good bibliography and online reading list.

Great book!

Pretty good, albeit brief description and explanation of several different forms of pagan religions/belief systems. Quite a bit of information packed into a small package. There's a nice list of other "suggested reading" and online sources/links in the back of the book as well. Good book for a newbie to paganism to help get you informed and started down the path of our pre-Christian forbears.

This was a simple introduction to the Pagan branches of religion (pun intended). It left me with many questions & a desire to read other books on the topic. It helped to start to steer me in a direction and that was all it was intended for. My thanks to its author.

Great book for a beginner

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