

# Eyewitness: Witches & Magic Makers

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Grade 6-8. Resembling a stroll through a museum of witchcraft, shamanism, and mysticism, this book introduces magical charms, talismans, and amulets from around the world. Typical of the series, sharply reproduced color photographs of people and objects float against white backgrounds. One-or-two sentence captions identify the pictures and form the bulk of the text. A cursory history includes a few known and supposedly real European witches and magic practitioners; witches of fiction and film; and witch-hunting activities in Europe and Salem, MA. Magical items from ancient South and Central America, Egypt, Europe, several parts of Africa, India, China, and Japan and an assortment of Native American peoples give a good idea of the universality of human belief in the spiritual power of rituals. A detailed index provides access to both textual and pictorial material. Despite its casual organization, this title gives a colorful overview of the topic. Ann G. Brouse, Big Flats Branch Library, NY  
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Review

...a mini museum between the covers of a book. [Eyewitness series] -- *The New York Times*

These books' striking visual impact will draw in even the most casual readers. [Eyewitness series] -- *School Library Journal*

From the Inside Flap

The mysterious world of witches and magic-makers comes alive in this spellbinding but even-handed historical survey. This exceptional entry in the award-winning *Eyewitness* series is filled with stunning photographs and compelling descriptions of the history, practices, rituals and roles of witchcraft and magic-making around the world. Also included is an intriguing roundup of the brutal torture devices of the witch hunters and the fantastic potions, tools, and charms of this bewitching craft.

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