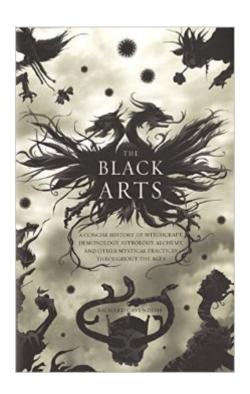
## The book was found

# The Black Arts: A Concise History Of Witchcraft, Demonology, Astrology, And Other Mystical Practices Throughout The Ages (Perigee)





# Synopsis

This text describes the practice, theory, and underlying rationale of black magic in all its branches - the summoning and control of evil spirits, necromancy, psychic attack, devil worship, witchcraft, evil charms and spells - as well as other branches of occult theory.

### **Book Information**

Paperback: 373 pages

Publisher: TarcherPerigee; 40th Revised ed. edition (January 1, 1983)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0399500359

ISBN-13: 978-0399500350

Product Dimensions: 5.9 x 0.9 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 13.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.3 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (74 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #38,630 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #65 in Books > Religion &

Spirituality > Occult & Paranormal > Magic Studies #84 in Books > Religion & Spirituality > New

Age & Spirituality > Mysticism

### **Customer Reviews**

\_The Black Arts\_ by Richard Cavendish covers a great many topics dealing with the magical arts, particularly black magic. According to Cavendish, the primary motivating factor behind black magic is the hunger for power. This is expressed in the biblical story of the Garden of Eden in Genesis where the serpent tempts Adam and Eve by telling them that if they ate of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil they would be as gods. The traditional Christian perspective is that the black magician invokes demons or Satan himself and that his power comes from the Dark One. The magician however may believe that man and God are inseparable or that man can attain Godhood. The author begins by noting how magical principles operate, being based on the ideas of imitation, mimickry, and analogy. One fundamental principle believed in by most magicians is expressed by the phrase "as above, so below" meaning that the macrocosm is a reflection of the microcosm and vice versa. Indeed, it is in the writings attributed to the semi-mythical Hermes Trismegistus ("thrice-greatest Hermes") that this principle is most clearly expressed. In most traditional cultures, the left hand side is associated with evil, explaining why black magic is often regarded as the Left Hand Path among magicians. Cavendish next turns his attention to the modern magicians, including such figures as the notorious Aleister Crowley, Eliphas Levi, MacGregor Mathers, and A. E. Waite.

The influence of secret societies such as the Golden Dawn and the O. T. O. of Crowley are explained and their role in the practices of these magicians is examined. Following this, Cavendish turns his attention to the mysteries of numbers and numerology. He explains how fortunes can be told by numbers associated with each letter in a name.

### Download to continue reading...

The Black Arts: A Concise History of Witchcraft, Demonology, Astrology, and Other Mystical Practices Throughout the Ages (Perigee) Witchcraft: Black Book of Secrets (The Conclusive Guide to Witchcraft, Love, Money and Health Spells) (Witchcraft: The Ultimate Collection 1) ASTROLOGY: Understanding The Zodiac Signs For Incredible Relationships, Wealth & Wisdom (astrology for the soul, soulmate, horoscope, love astrology, astrological signs) Witchcraft: The Ultimate Bible: The Definitive Guide on the Practice of Witchcraft, Spells, Rituals and Wicca (Witchcraft, Wicca, Spell Casting, Spells ... Candle Magik, Magik Spells, Magic Spells) Astrology, Psychology, and the Four Elements: An Energy Approach to Astrology and Its Use in the Counseling Arts Health Promotion Throughout the Life Span, 8e (Health Promotion Throughout the Lifespan (Edelman)) Health Promotion Throughout the Life Span (Health Promotion Throughout the Lifespan (Edelman)) Witchcraft Medicine: Healing Arts, Shamanic Practices, and Forbidden Plants A Concise Survey of Western Civilization: Supremacies and Diversities throughout History Astrology, Yoga, and the Chakras: A Basic Guide to Astrology and the 7 Chakras: Healing and Harnessing the Power from Within Karmic Astrology, Volume 1: The Moon's Nodes and Reincarnation (Karmic Astrology) Astrology Decoded: A Step-by-Step Guide to Learning Astrology Concise Guide to Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (CONCISE GUIDES) (Concise Guides (American Psychiatric Press)) Witchcraft: The Big Spell Book: The ultimate guide to witchcraft, spells, rituals and wicca Learn How to Do Witchcraft Rituals and Spells with Your Bare Hands (Witchcraft Spell Books Book 1) Learn How to Do Witchcraft Rituals and Spells with Household Ingredients (Witchcraft Spell Books Book 2) Witchcraft: A Beginners Guide to Witchcraft Extraordinary Golf: the Art of the Possible (Perigee) Witchcraft in Europe, 400-1700: A Documentary History (Middle Ages Series) The Encyclopedia of Demons and Demonology

**Dmca**