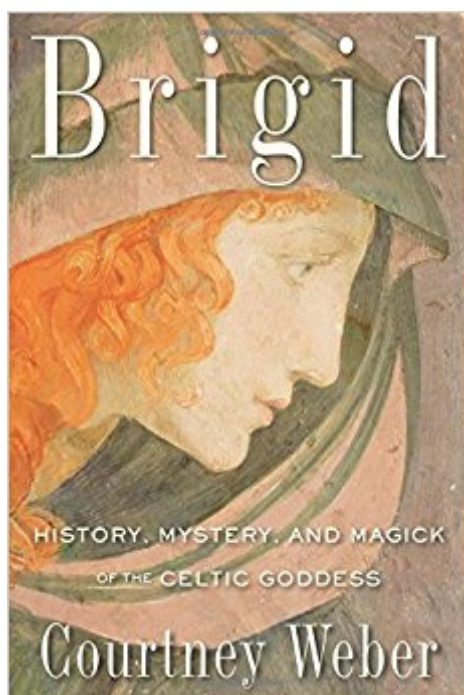


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Brigid: History, Mystery, And Magick Of The Celtic Goddess



Synopsis

"Lady of the Well, the Forge, and the Green Earth, I seek you." --Brigid, I Seek You
Brigid--mother, daughter, healer, bard, warrior, fire goddess, goddess of the oak, animals, and magic. Brigid of the spring, her festival Imbolc, oversees fertility of all kinds. Brigid is many things to many people. In this enticing book, Courtney Weber offers up a wide-ranging exposition and celebration of all things Brigid, who is arguably the most popular figure in Celtic mythology and religion. Meet Brigid in her various incarnations--Celtic Pagan Goddess, Christian Saint, and Voudon Loa. Each chapter ends with guided meditations and exercises that help readers tap into Brigid's healing powers. Inside you'll find Brigid-focused spells, blessings, recipes, and rituals for love, harmony, protection, and much more.

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Customer Reviews

This book left me in awe. Weber is not only deeply comprehensive in her approach to introducing Brigid, acknowledging her complexities and mythological contradictions, but she is also comprehensible and accessible. This is the kind of book you could read multiple times and get something new out of it each time, and yet the first reading gives you such a holistic and loving portrait of Brigid that you can't help but feel incredibly connected to her, and moved. In this manner, Weber's book is suitable for both "Brigid newbies" and longtime devotees alike. The author's humor and style, blending traditional folklore, retellings of classic tales, analysis, and just enough personal experience, feels less like a formal class and more like an incredibly enjoyable fireside chat with a

friend who's deeply passionate about the subject and eager to tell you about it in various ways, to connect Brigid with your life and experience. I'm eager to read whatever Weber writes next!

The history of the Celts is shrouded in mystery, as is their "Exalted One", Brig. The Celts left no written history, so their story is told by neighbors, visitors, and conquerors. The Exalted One, passed on most frequently as Brigid, became one of the survival stories as the Romans, and later Christianity, swept over Celtic lands. Sainted by the Christian church (a testimony to her power as a deity), Brigid was eventually carried to the Caribbean where she became a vital part of Voodoo culture. This book, a true labor of love for Courtney Weber, is as definitive a history as is possible with the evidence left behind. Her modern pagan practice provides her insight into the story that is missing in strictly academic accounts. She cautions readers not to engage this powerful Goddess lightly. For those who are brave enough to take on the challenge, she includes meditations, rituals, spells, sacred objects, and, of course, magical potions. It's a great read with lots of practical information.

Just finished this useful and entertaining book. It's chock full of lore about a subject whose history is largely unwritten. I appreciate Weber's efforts to collect these tales from actual visits and physical connections with practitioners as well as what written texts there may be. She has the gift of confirming common sense while stirring the mystery. And so, "Brigid" is a well rounded work that offers history with all the fascinating conflicting/concurring reports and practical ways to incorporate "your" Brigid into your life. Healer, Smith and Bard - certainly in this era of the polymath and "maker", Brigid the saint and goddess is as relevant as ever. Much of my personal understandings were confirmed and elaborated on in the reading of this book and now I'm excited to seek out more tomes and experiences.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It recounts Brigid's history and mythology. It lists flowers, plants, and herbs that are sacred to her, among other things. It even contains spells and is very well-written. If you love Brigid, you'll love this book.

I like the material and don't disagree with anything I have read thus far, I just wish the author had cited her sources in the text. I would have liked to look at them myself and I am especially interested in primary sources. As it stands, it would be hard for me to justify citing this as a resource in any of my own spiritual research.

I feel like I have been waiting 30 years for this amazing book to be written. Weber does an amazing job weaving the folklore and magick of Brigid into this easy to read tome. For either the person who is first learning about Brigid as a Goddess or Irish mythology, this book is NOT to be overlooked. As a practicing pagan who works with Brigid, I can say that this book is indispensable. Weber lists spellwork, rituals, even recipes for different oils to make for Brigid. If anything in this review calls to you, please do yourself a favor and add this book to your collection immediately. If you are not swallowed up in the magick that is Brigid: History, Mystery and Magick of the Celtic Goddess, you are most likely not reading it, and possibly using it as a doorstop.

This book is a good read with lots of insight into this well known Goddess/Saint. There are little projects after each chapter that you can do. This is by my bed for reading anytime I want to reference something.

This book is a love letter, a lesson, and a blessing. Courtney Weber has beautifully written an homage to the goddess Brigid that delights the storyteller, historian, cultural educator, and High Priestess in me. Full of historical info, lore, practical instruction, rituals, reverence, and the right touch of whimsy. As an African American woman who loves Maman Brigit, I found that reading the back stories of her origins as Brigid enhanced my appreciation of this beloved Celtic goddess. The first woman's circle I belonged to back in the early 90's was dedicated to Brigid. Had I received the profound, relatable, insightful teachings about Brigid that Courtney Weber has provided here, I might have stayed in the group. Also, as a Water Priestess of a Shenu-Khametic water temple, the "Lady of Sacred Waters" chapter was my fave. The new cultural info about water provided info that is beneficial to my own practice. Include this book in your personal library.

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