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Creating Your Vintage Hallowe'en: The Folklore, Traditions, And Some Crafty Makes



Synopsis

Read how folk used to celebrate with dressing up, fortune-telling games, parties, and much pleasurable spookiness, and recreate your own vintage Hallowe'en with old-fashioned projects, including a carved Jack o' lantern, a witch costume, and fun decorations for your home. Creating your Vintage Hallowe'en is packed full of little-known facts about the origins of Hallowe'en customs such as bobbing for apples and carving lanterns out of pumpkins, while the charming makes and vintage artworks featuring chubby, red-cloaked witches, sleekly silhouetted black cats, cute kittens, cheery goblins, and smiling spectres, will inspire you to have your own vintage-style Hallowe'en celebration.

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Customer Reviews

Marion Paull is an editor and writer who has worked in publishing for many years, specializing in reference and general non-fiction titles. She has long been fascinated by tales of Hallowe'en in all its old-fashioned glory. Married to a Cornishman, from the extreme south-west of England, she has a special interest in all things Celtic. The author is based in London, UK.

While this book has information on the origins of Halloween, it doesn't really help in creating a "vintage Hallowe'en". The author merely alludes to interesting traditions leaving the reader to search the internet for more details. For example, many times she refers to a poem by Rober Burns and how important it is to the celebrations of Halloween, it would have been more complete had this book actually included the poem. Also she refers to several traditional recipes, such as soul cakes,

but again doesn't include any actual recipes. Ghost stories are of importance to vintage Halloween but no vintage ghost stories included. This book could have been great if it was an actual compilation of traditional Halloween festivities, but instead this book left me searching the internet. Also, for anyone who knows the basic history and origins of Halloween, this book won't add anything of significance. The best part is the vintage illustrations, but overall a pretty superficial book.

This is a visually appealing book with lots of vintage postcards and graphics. The artistic details are lovely. There is even a black ribbon bookmark with a paper jack-o-lantern. If you like the vintage graphics and old tales of Halloween, I think you'll like this book. The crafts are probably the weakest portion, but they are intended to be old time crafts, so don't expect fine art crafts like you might see in modern Halloween craft books. Overall, a beautiful little book if you like vintage Halloween.

This is one of the most charming books on Halloween I have seen in a long time. I agree it should have included recipes and more party prep information, but as a folklore book it hits the mark. My friends and I got this book at a party and were really entertained by the stories and facts. The illustrations are excellent. All of the Queen's of Halloween at the party loved this book.

Was a history of some Halloween traditions but not info for a Halloween party as I had hoped.

A small little hardcover book with beautiful color illustrations. This has little stories and replicas of old Halloween posters and cards. This will be a book to keep and treasure. I love the jack 'o lantern marker. I am ordering this book for my little granddaughter also.

This is a fun little book to have especially since I grew up in the 1950s when Halloween was more fun than it is today.

a good read for those who like the history of halloween

A wonderful book about vintage Halloween and beautifully illustrated. A real keeper.

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