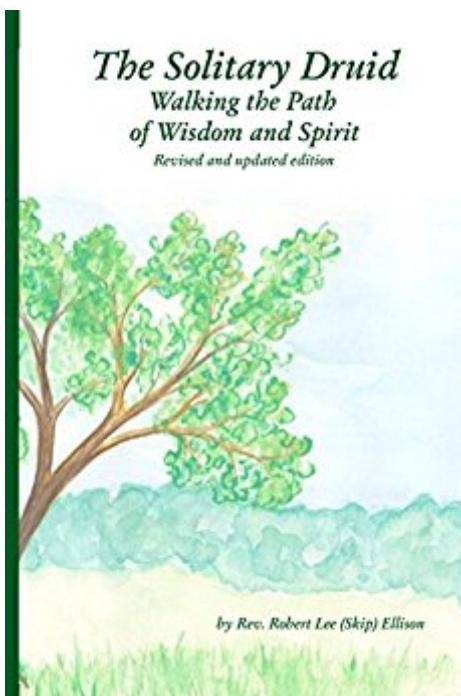


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Customer Reviews

I am a witch, not a druid, but I found several points of interest for myself in this book. He includes several very nice prayers for working with nature spirits, spirits of place, and the Fair Folk. He gives useful instructions for finding your local gods, the gods of local rivers and land features. He gives useful help on working with the Ancestors. These items are casually glossed over in many books on Wicca or Witchcraft, but not really explained, or given suggestions for.

Great factual, resource and group references as well as rituals to try. Loved it! May just have to buy the paper copy too!

This is a great book for those ADFers who are solitary, or for anyone following Druidism but without a grove of their own. I highly recommend this book.

Good read. Recommended to anyone interested in Druidism and the 'Old Religion".

I don't know what book the first reviewer read, but he doesn't seem to have even vaguely grasped what The Solitary Druid is about. Ellison lays out the basics of Celtic Paganism in a scholarly yet accessible way. He supports each of his assertions about Druidic beliefs and practices with citations from ancient sources and from archeology, and lays it all out in an outline that allows students to get started immediately with a Druidic spirituality. Far from being duotheistic, the book gives advice for constructing your Druidic pantheon of worship based on the realities of the local land, and the spirits proper to each individual worshipper. From there, he presents a full system of Druidic ritual, as used in Ar nDraiocht Fein - about as far from a Wiccan form as one could get. It involves offering to the Gods & Spirits, divining their blessing, and then receiving that blessing. Ellison gives solitary rituals for each of the Celtic holy days (and for the solstices and equinoxes), as well as ideas for Druidic funeral and wedding rites. There is a section on spells and practical magic as well, and the book ends with a listing of every Druidic group and order of any size at all. This is a valuable resource - one of the very first books on Druidry drawn from a non-wiccan, scholarly perspective, adapted to practical use. Highly recommended.

It has a lot of info on practicing Druidry at home with no grove. It is an ADF druid book, I know that makes a little difference to me because I want to study OBOD druidry as soon as I can afford the course. Over all it is a very good book.

This book is absolutely a must-have for any beginning druid. Just starting out myself I found a lot of questions answered and I highly recommend it to others who are just beginning their walk down the path of druidry.

Arrived on time. This a good book.

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