Black Cats and Evil Eyes

By Chloe Rhodes

Paperback. Book Condition: New. Not Signed; This fascinating collection investigates the origins of our most intriguing superstitions, many of which we still observe today. Hundreds of the beliefs passed down through the generations have their foundations in our ancestors' efforts to ward off evil, which they blamed for hardship, illness and injustice in times when life was, as often as not, 'nasty, brutish and short'. Black Cats and Evil Eyes sets these superstitions in their historical and social context, explaining how fear of the Devil, demons, evil spirits and witchcraft drove people to arm themselves with rituals and talismans to repel dark forces and allow them to live long and healthy lives. In examining many of our common superstitions, this book illuminates the customs, beliefs and practices that link us to an ancient, and often darker, human past.

Reviews

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Chloe Rhodes's writing Black cats and evil eyes is a collection of random superstitions. The book explains the superstition origins, how they were incorporated in our day to day lives. Some of these are well-known while the others have faded over the years.

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The gift of a purse or wallet should always include money. In Arabic countries the horseshoe is incorporated into amulets that protect against the Evil Eye, while in British, Celtic and Germanic folklore a horseshoe nailed above the door was used to defend homes from witchcraft. In the West, as the more secular idea of bringing good luck has taken precedence over the need to ward off evil, the positioning of the horseshoe has become significant. In the UK and the US they're most often hung with the open end up, to stop the good luck from falling out, though folklore traditionalists warn that this encourages trouble-making pixies to use th
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