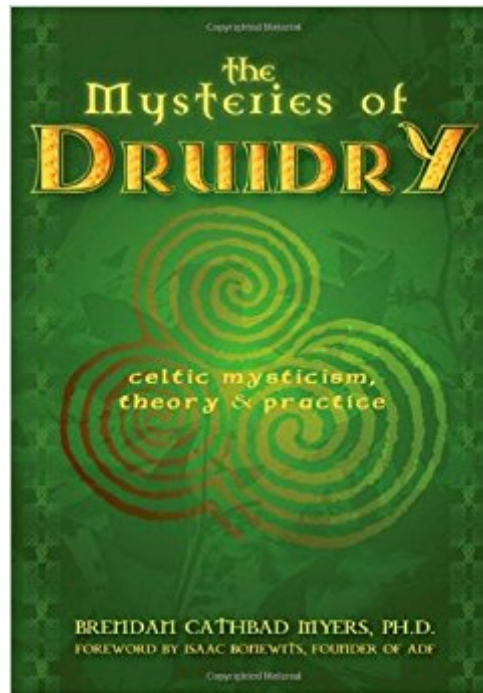




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The Druids were the mystics, philosophers, and magicians of the ancient Celtic world. Their spirituality was borne from their near-worship of poetry and music, their warrior prowess, and the world of nature. The *Mysteries of Druidry* reveals this mystical romanticism as it was in ancient times, and shows various ways to bring it to life today, in both private and social realms. Thoroughly researched, provocative, and informative, the book carries the reader back to the world of the Druids, not just through Celtic mythology and traditional storytelling, but through the author's own experience of living and traveling in Ireland and visiting its sacred sites. The *Mysteries of Druidry* combines a high-quality "training manual" for modern spiritual Celts and Druids with an original and thought-provoking philosophical account of the spiritual meaning of Druidry.

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"An excellent study of the way in which Druid spirituality can inspire and help us today."

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"Cathbad's The Mysteries of Druidry is an excellent account of this often shrouded topic. He brings a deft touch to this highly informative and illuminating book." —Nicholas R Mann, Author, The Isle of Avalon and Druid Magic

Brendan Cathbad Myers has studied and practiced Irish Druidry for more than 12 years. He holds a Ph.D. in philosophy, and his articles on Celtic spirituality have been published in numerous journals and magazines in four countries. Originally from Ontario, Canada, he now lives in the west of Ireland. This is his second book. Isaac Bonewits is one of the America's most well-known Druidic leaders and teachers. He is the founder of the ADF, the largest Druid organization in the United States. Bonewits is also the author of several books, including Real Magic, The Pagan Man, and Witchcraft: A Concise Guide.

Druidry, as a philosophy and a faith, seems to be aching to find a middle-ground between the history we long for and cannot have, and the modern day connections we need to survive. Dr. Myers performs this balancing act admirably in this introduction into the faith, providing the historical background (from the little definitive information available) for each topic, and then proceeding into how it can apply to one's life in later sections and chapters. His knowledge is evident: he discusses the historical role of the Morrigan, how the druid fits into his community, and myriad topics that are important for beginning on the path of the Druid. Beyond the knowledge, Dr. Myers brings something else to the page: emotion. The book is peppered with personal experience, and his passion is seen on each page if one is willing to merely see it. Why, if I give it all this praise, did I deduct the fifth star? First, I occasionally had issue with the organization of the book. While the chapters seem to work well together as a whole, the book seems to start in an odd place. Once it hits its stride, around chapter 3, the work flows much more smoothly. Second, I don't give anything but the most extraordinary works of literature that fifth star.

Dr. Myers has written an excellent basic introduction to Druidry. This text covers the history of the ancient Druids, the modern revival of Druidry, and Celtic mythology and lore. It also presents an introduction to the philosophy of modern Druids and distinguishes among the different sects of Druidry without picking a side. Myers remains objective as he discusses the difference between Neo-Druids and Traditionalists. Also included are several suggestions for Druid ritual practice that draw on the history of the Celtic people to add depth and dimension. There could have perhaps been a little more discussion about the different types of Druidry and more information on

distinguishing between sincere practitioners and the many hucksters out there who are attempting to market our religion and philosophy for profit, but all-in-all Dr. Myers has written an excellent guidebook for those investigating Druidry as a possible spiritual path.

I love this book! So informational! It's very easy to follow, it's rich in history and folklore, and I am glad that I chose this as my first book on the Druids! Thanks so much for this amazing book. It blows my mind.

Brendan Myers has a talent for speaking to the reader as if talking right to you. His imagery and turn of phrase is eloquent and beautiful but down to earth. If you are interested in Druidry through the Celtic Mythos then this is for you! If I highlight a book as much as I did this then I know it is fabulous. And this is my second book by this author. He is one to watch for.

The beginning of the book was inspiring. I've never felt that close to Celtic mythos before, and the author manages to put me right there in the myth itself, and make it believable. It does drone on for a while, so I wouldn't claim the full price (even Kindle) is worth spending on it... I didn't really learn anything new that I didn't know before. But the author's humor and voice is certainly worth reading.

This is a good book for someone like me who is interested in but undecided about druidry. I will be re-reading this one several times during my decision making process.

If you are interested in Druidry, Celts, or mysticism this is a fantastic read. Mr Myers provides excellent information and his views of much of the information provided in the book. A must have book for any library.

After reading all the good reviews I downloaded the Kindle version of this book and wasted \$10. They did a terrible job publishing it for Kindle and it repeats paragraphs and also apparently skips whole sections so that the book does not make sense. I am going to order this book and will post a review of the content later, but don't waste your money on the Kindle version like I did.

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