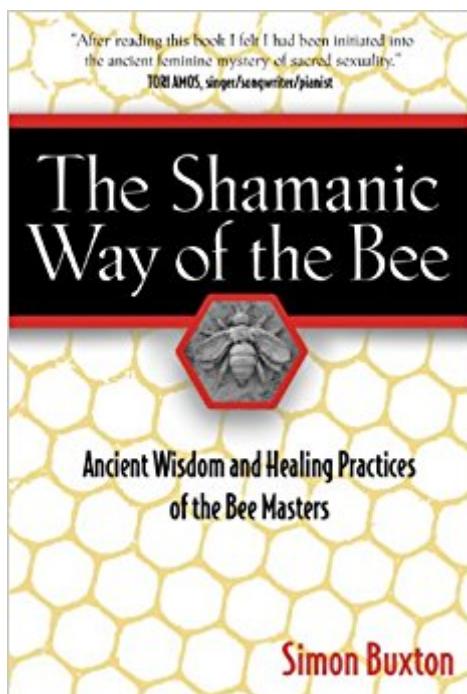


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The Shamanic Way Of The Bee: Ancient Wisdom And Healing Practices Of The Bee Masters



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