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**Wizard of the Four Winds A Shaman's Story** [CreateSpace](#) **Wizard of the Four Winds: A Shaman's Story** is the text that introduced the outside world to shamanic healing in northern Peru. The story of don Eduardo Calderón (who was elevated to almost legendary status as a result of Sharon's research), this book inspired a generation of academics and shamanic seekers alike. Back, finally and by popular demand, this long-awaited and completely revised second edition presents a detailed discussion of Sharon's own experiences as the curandero's apprentice as well as summaries of more than 40 years of scholarship (including Sharon's own extensive work) into the lives and healing arts of other Peruvian shamanic practitioners. More than 70 pages of updated appendices compare and contrast the ritual symbolism of don Eduardo Calderón's mesa with shamanic tools and practices found throughout ancient and modern Mesoamerica and South America. **Wizard of the Four Winds: a Shaman's Story** is, now more than ever, an indispensable tool for any serious student of Peruvian shamanism! **WIZARD OF THE FOUR WINDS: A SHAMAN'S STORY** [Free Press](#) **Drinking the Four Winds A Shamanic Love Story** [Moon Books](#) **When Ross Heaven, a psychologist and ex-pharmaceutical industry consultant, embarks on a shamanic apprenticeship in the rainforests and mountains of South America his intention is to unlock the secrets of San Pedro, the mescaline cactus that has been used as a sacrament and teacher plant in Peru for millennia, and to learn about love and healing. What he finds is more remarkable, painful, enriching, liberating and extraordinary than he could have imagined.** **The Shamanic Soul A Guidebook for Self-Exploration, Healing, and Mysticism** [Llewellyn Worldwide](#) **Written by an authentic practitioner of Peruvian shamanism, this beginner-friendly book is a one-stop training course in the shamanic arts. Daniel Moler teaches you shamanism through non-appropriative methods, including healing exercises, spell work, divination techniques, and more. Featuring stories from Moler's own journey apprenticing in a lineage of Peruvian shamanism, this book shows you how shamanism can completely change your life. You'll explore many aspects of its practice, including the seen and unseen realms, spiritual tools such as mesas and campos, and the three pachas (worlds) of the shamanic cosmos. This book also introduces you to vision quests, limpiezas, and rituals. Through hands-on activities and meaningful insights into shamanic theory and creeds, The Shamanic Soul helps you awaken your true Self.** **Shamanic Qabalah A Mystical Path to Uniting the Tree of Life & the Great Work** [Llewellyn Worldwide](#) **Transform Your Life and Empower Your Soul through the Mystical Union of Qabalah and Shamanism Take a journey into the Mysteries with Shamanic Qabalah. Fusing Hermetic Qabalah and Peruvian shamanic practices, this book lays out a template for exploring the inner and outer worlds in the tradition of the ancients. Discover how you can make your own way through the Great Work—communing with the unseen entities and elements of the universe and achieving union with the Divine. Trained in Peruvian shamanism and in Qabalah, author Daniel Moler leads a journey through the dimensions of consciousness to help you live a sacred life in connection with the unseen and unknown Other and where you stand on the earth right now.** **The Complete Idiot's Guide to Shamanism** [Penguin](#) **You're no idiot, of course. You know that shamans are also known as medicine men and women, who use the power of the mind and call on spiritual helpers to heal the afflicted. However, this ancient art has been put to more modern uses, including problem solving, empowerment, and personal mastery. But you don't have to trek through steamy Amazonian jungles or frigid Siberian tundra to become enlightened in the ways of shamanism! 'The Complete Idiot's Guide to Shamanism' will show exactly how to discover your own shamanic power and how that power will guide you in your everyday life! In this 'Complete Idiot's Guide', you get: -Shamanic history, from its origins in Paleolithic times to its spreading influence today. -Power animals, where to locate them and how they communicate with you. -How to take a shamanic, travelling through the Lower, Upper, and Middle Worlds, and exploring your past or future. -Shamanic healing techniques in use with modern medicine.** **Religion and the Order of Nature** [Oxford University Press](#) **The current ecological crisis is a matter of urgent global concern, with solutions being sought on many fronts. In this book, Seyyed Hossein Nasr argues that the devastation of our world has been exacerbated, if not actually caused, by the reductionist view of nature that has been advanced by modern secular science. What is needed, he believes, is the recovery of the truth to which the great, enduring religions all attest; namely that nature is sacred. Nasr traces the historical process through which Western civilization moved away from the idea of nature as sacred and embraced a world view which sees humans as alienated from nature and nature itself as a machine to be dominated and manipulated by humans. His goal is to negate the totalitarian claims of modern science and to re-open the way to the religious view of the order of nature, developed over centuries in the cosmologies and sacred sciences of the great traditions. Each tradition, Nasr shows, has a**

wealth of knowledge and experience concerning the order of nature. The resuscitation of this knowledge, he argues, would allow religions all over the globe to enrich each other and cooperate to heal the wounds inflicted upon the Earth. **Shamanism Critical Concepts in Sociology** [Psychology Press](#) This anthology tells the story of shamanism in Eurasia, North and South America, Africa and Australia. It brings together for the first time fifty-six articles and book excerpts illustrating the variety of views on this subject. **Shamanism An Encyclopedia of World Beliefs, Practices, and Culture** [ABC-CLIO](#) A guide to worldwide shamanism and shamanistic practices, emphasizing historical and current cultural adaptations. \* Nearly 200 entries on shamanic belief systems, practices, rituals, and related phenomena \* 152 contributors including international experts and pioneering researchers in the field \* 100 photos, charts, and tables \* Multicultural bibliography of significant materials from the fields of history, ethnography, and anthropology **Shamanism** [Quest Books](#) A powerful collection of essays from authors such as Mircea Eliade, Joan Halifax, Stanley Krippner, Brooke Medicine Eagle, Serge King, and Michael Harner on the mystifying phenomenon of shamanism around the world---what it is, how it works and why. **Shamans of the 20th Century** [Ardent Media](#) The reader has the opportunity to partake of Dr Heinze's studies of shamans, their models of reality, their inner journeys, and the services they perform for their communities. **Shamans/Neo-Shamans Ecstasies, Alternative Archaeologies and Contemporary Pagans** [Routledge](#) In popular culture, such diverse characters as occultist Aleister Crowley, Doors musician Jim Morrison, and performance artist Joseph Beuys have been called shamans. In anthropology, on the other hand, shamanism has associations with sorcery, witchcraft and healing, and archaeologists have suggested the meaning of prehistoric cave art lies with shamans and altered consciousness. Robert J. Wallis explores the interface between 'new' and prehistoric shamans. The book draws on interviews with a variety of practitioners, particularly contemporary pagans in Britain and north America. Wallis looks at historical and archaeological sources to explore contemporary pagan engagements with prehistoric sacred sites such as Stonehenge and Avebury, and discusses the controversial use by neo-Shamans of indigenous (particularly native American) shamanism. **Shamanism A Reader** [Psychology Press](#) This is an essential tribute to the vitality and breadth of shamanic tradition both amongst the most distant tribes of America and Asia, and within seemingly ordinary aspects of modern western culture. **Ayahuasca Shamanism in the Amazon and Beyond** [Oxford University Press](#) Beatriz Caiuby Labate and Clancy Cavnar offer an in-depth exploration of how Amerindian epistemology and ontology concerning indigenous shamanic rituals of the Amazon have spread to Western societies, and of how indigenous, mestizo, and cosmopolitan cultures have engaged with and transformed these forest traditions. The volume focuses on the use of ayahuasca, a psychoactive drink essential in many indigenous shamanic rituals of the Amazon. Ayahuasca use has spread to countries far beyond its Amazonian origin, spurring a wide variety of legal and cultural responses. The essays in this volume look at how these responses have influenced ritual design and performance in traditional and non-traditional contexts, how displaced indigenous people and rubber tappers are engaged in the creative reinvention of rituals, and how these rituals help build ethnic alliances and cultural and political strategies. These essays explore important classic and contemporary issues in anthropology, including the relationship between the expansion of ecotourism and ethnic tourism and recent indigenous cultural revival and the emergence of new ethnic identities. The volume also examines trends in the commodification of indigenous cultures in post-colonial contexts, the combination of shamanism with a network of health and spiritually related services, and identity hybridization in global societies. The rich ethnographies and extensive analysis of these essays will allow deeper understanding of the role of ritual in mediating the encounter between indigenous traditions and modern societies. **Historical Dictionary of Shamanism** [Rowman & Littlefield](#) A remarkable array of people have been called shamans, while the phenomena identified as shamanism continues to proliferate. This second edition of the Historical Dictionary of Shamanism contains with examples from antiquity up to today, and from Siberia (where the term "shaman" originated) to Amazonia, South Africa, Chicago and many other places. Many claims about shamans and shamanism are contentious and all are worthy of discussion. In the most widespread understandings, terms seem to refer particularly to people who alter states of consciousness or enter trances in order to seek knowledge and help from powerful other-than-human persons, perhaps "spirits". But this says only a little about the artists, community leaders, spiritual healers or hucksters, travelers in alternative realities and so on to which the label "shaman" has been applied. This second edition contains a chronology, an introduction, and extensive bibliography. The dictionary contains over 500 cross-referenced dictionary entries on individuals, groups, practices and cultures that have been called "shamanic". This book is an excellent access point for students, researchers, and anyone wanting to know more about Shamanism. **The A to Z of Shamanism** [Scarecrow Press](#) The A to Z of Shamanism has the dual task of exploring the common ground of shamanic traditions and evaluating the diversity of both traditional indigenous communities and individual Western seekers. This is done in an introduction, a bibliography, a chronology, and hundreds of cross-referenced dictionary entries, which explore the consistent features of a variety of shamans, the purposes shamanism serves, the function and activities of the shaman, and the cultural contexts in which they make sense. **The Woman in the Shaman's Body Reclaiming the Feminine in Religion and Medicine** [Bantam](#) A distinguished anthropologist-who is also an initiated shaman-reveals the long-hidden female roots of the world's oldest form of religion and medicine. Here is a fascinating expedition into this ancient tradition, from its prehistoric beginnings to the work of women shamans across the globe today. Shamanism was not only humankind's first spiritual and healing practice, it was originally the domain of women. This is the claim of Barbara Tedlock's provocative and myth-shattering book. Reinterpreting generations of scholarship, Tedlock-herself an expert in dreamwork, divination, and healing-explains how and why the role of women in shamanism was misinterpreted and suppressed, and offers a dazzling array of evidence, from prehistoric African rock art to modern Mongolian ceremonies, for women's shamanic powers. Tedlock combines firsthand accounts of her own training among the Maya of Guatemala with the rich

record of women warriors and hunters, spiritual guides, and prophets from many cultures and times. Probing the practices that distinguish female shamanism from the much better known male traditions, she reveals:

- The key role of body wisdom and women's eroticism in shamanic trance and ecstasy
- The female forms of dream witnessing, vision questing, and use of hallucinogenic drugs
- Shamanic midwifery and the spiritual powers released in childbirth and monthly female cycles
- Shamanic symbolism in weaving and other feminine arts
- Gender shifting and male-female partnership in shamanic practice

Filled with illuminating stories and illustrations, *The Woman in the Shaman's Body* restores women to their essential place in the history of spirituality and celebrates their continuing role in the worldwide resurgence of shamanism today. *The Life and Hard Times of a Korean Shaman Of Tales and Telling Tales* [University of Hawaii Press](#) "Kendall's study of a female shaman interweaves the voices of anthropologist and the shaman into one.... An excellent example of the recent attempts by anthropologists to give expression to the words and lives of respondents and to detail the context in which they are acquired." --Choice "Although the book is a very personal account of one shaman's life, [it] also provides a window into the ways and means of the Korean culture and society of the time." --Korean Quarterly, Spring 2001 *Alternative States of Consciousness in Shamanism, Imaginal Psychotherapies, Hypnotherapy, and Meditation Including a Shamanism and Meditation Inspired Personal and Professional Training Program for the 21st Century Psychotherapist A Cognitive, Intrapsychic, Experiential, and Transpersonal Research Project and Program* [Universal-Publishers](#) Shamanism, hypnosis, imaginal psychotherapies, and meditation are based on the use of what we in the modern western world think of as non-ordinary human consciousness. These four modalities have fundamental similarities and differences in purpose, theory, technique, type of alternative consciousness, and their application of non-ordinary reality. Shamanism, the oldest and most intertwined with the cultures in which it is practiced, will be explored as a model for individual healing and transformation and professional training. The shamanic way will also be explored as a model of consciousness and a world-view that offers individuals, groups, and society much needed coping mechanisms, healing techniques, and transformative values that may be helpful in dealing with this trying and important transition time for humanity. Imaginal therapies, meditation and hypnosis all have their roots in shamanism, although in some parts of the world at certain times in history, shamanism borrowed from meditation in its adaptation and development. *Shamanic Quest for the Spirit of Salvia The Divinatory, Visionary, and Healing Powers of the Sage of the Seers* [Simon and Schuster](#) The first practical guide to the transformative uses of salvia

- Explains how salvia connects you with your higher purpose and aids you in envisioning your unique path in life
- Describes appropriate methods of use, a shamanic diet to increase effectiveness, and the meaning of the symbols experienced during salvia's ecstatic embrace
- Explores recent clinical research into salvia's long-term positive psychological effects and its potential as a treatment for Alzheimer's, depression, and addiction

Salvia divinorum has been used since ancient times by the Mazatec shamans of Mexico for divination, vision quests, and healing. Known by many names--nearly all associated with the Virgin Mary, who has come to symbolize the spirit of salvia--this plant ally is now regarded as the most powerful natural hallucinogen. Providing the first practical guide to the shamanic, spiritual, and therapeutic uses of salvia, Ross Heaven shares his in-depth quest to connect with the spirit of this plant teacher. He explores recent clinical research into its many long-term psychological effects, such as increased insight and self-confidence, improved mood and concentration, and feelings of calmness and connection with nature, as well as salvia's potential for combating diseases like Alzheimer's, depression, and even cocaine addiction. Reviewing the traditional Mazatec ceremonies surrounding salvia's harvest and use, Heaven describes appropriate methods of consumption, typical dosages, and the shamanic diet he used to increase salvia's effectiveness. Examining firsthand accounts of salvia journeys from around the world, he decodes the meaning of the symbolic images experienced during salvia's ecstatic embrace and details the interplay between salvia and the lucid dreaming state. Comparing salvia to ayahuasca and the San Pedro cactus, Heaven explains that salvia's greatest strength as a shamanic plant ally lies in its ability to connect you with your higher purpose and aid you in envisioning your unique path in life. *Shamanism and the Eighteenth Century* [Princeton University Press](#) Pursuing special experiences that take them to the brink of permanent madness or death, men and women in every age have "returned" to heal and comfort their fellow human beings--and these shamans have fascinated students of society from Herodotus to Mircea Eliade. Gloria Flaherty's book is about the first Western encounters with shamanic peoples and practices. Flaherty makes us see the eighteenth century as an age in which explorers were fascinating all Europe with tales of shamans who accomplished a "self-induced cure for a self-induced fit." Reports from what must have seemed a forbidden world of strange rites and moral licentiousness came from botanists, geographers, missionaries, and other travelers of the period, and these accounts created such a stir that they permeated caf talk, journal articles, and learned debates, giving rise to plays, encyclopedia articles, art, and operas about shamanism. The first part of the book describes in rich detail how information about shamanism entered the intellectual mainstream of the eighteenth century. In the second part Flaherty analyzes the artistic and critical implications of that process. In so doing, she offers remarkable chapters on Diderot, Herder, Goethe, and the cult of the genius of Mozart, as well as a chapter devoted to a new reading of Goethe's Faust that views Faust as the modern shaman. Originally published in 1992. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905. *Sorcery and Shamanism Curanderos and Clients in Northern Peru* [University of Utah Press](#) This work goes a long way toward dispelling the stereotypes of shamans. *High Holy Adventure Shamans, Spirits & Mediums I Know and Love* [AuthorHouse](#) HIGH HOLY ADVENTURE is told with evolutionary breath bridging forty years

since Carlos Castaneda introduced to the world his shaman benefactor don Juan Matus. Peruvian Shaman takes the reader from high weirdness in the Nazca desert to an uncanny finale at seventeen thousand feet in the Andes. shared with others takes the reader to a level of contact that is rare to learn about and far different from the consensus-reality that we normally inhabit. medium hospital in Brazil awaken the author to the here and now reality of miracles regularly occurring within the daily fabric of our lives. There is much reflection on the mind expanding lessons learned in the presence of high impact spiritual masters. is a powerful vicarious experience. HIGH HOLY ADVENTURE is a shamanic romp and tour de force in the genre of Carlos Castaneda's tales of Don Juan. pitching arm at all, and the balls you are throwing are spiritual gems. Shamanic Plant Medicine - San Pedro The Gateway to Wisdom [John Hunt Publishing](#) The Shamanic Plant Medicine series acts as an introduction to specific teacher plants used by shamans in a variety of cultures to facilitate spirit communion, healing, divination and personal discovery, and which are increasingly known, used and respected in Western society by modern shamans as a means of connecting to spirit. Named after Saint Peter, the gatekeeper to Heaven, San Pedro is used by the shamans of the Andes in ways similar to ayahuasca and for similar reasons and effects. Its close relative, peyote, is employed by the shamans of Mexico and its modern chemical equivalent, Ecstasy, has become a popular rave culture means to trance and bliss states. Awareness of San Pedro is spreading rapidly in the West and the plant is likely to become more utilised than ayahuasca in the near future. Spirits, Shamans, and Stars Perspectives from South America [Walter de Gruyter](#) Wicca A Guide for the Solitary Practitioner [Llewellyn Worldwide](#) Cunningham's classic introduction to Wicca is about how to live life magically, spiritually, and wholly attuned with nature. It is a book of sense and common sense, not only about magick, but about religion and one of the most critical issues of today: how to achieve the much needed and wholesome relationship with our Earth. Cunningham presents Wicca as it is today: a gentle, Earth-oriented religion dedicated to the Goddess and God. Wicca also includes Scott Cunningham's own Book of Shadows and updated appendices of periodicals and occult suppliers. Ordinary Enchantments Magical Realism and the Remystification of Narrative [Vanderbilt University Press](#) Ordinary Enchantments investigates magical realism as the most important trend in contemporary international fiction, defines its characteristics and narrative techniques, and proposes a new theory to explain its significance. In the most comprehensive critical treatment of this literary mode to date, Wendy B. Faris discusses a rich array of examples from magical realist novels around the world, including the work not only of Latin American writers like Gabriel Garcia Marquez, but also of authors like Salman Rushdie, Gunter Grass, Toni Morrison, and Ben Okri. Faris argues that by combining realistic representation with fantastic elements so that the marvelous seems to grow organically out of the ordinary, magical realism destabilizes the dominant form of realism based on empirical definitions of reality, gives it visionary power, and thus constitutes what might be called a "remystification" of narrative in the West. Noting the radical narrative heterogeneity of magical realism, the author compares its cultural role to that of traditional shamanic performance, which joins the worlds of daily life and that of the spirits. Because of that capacity to bridge different worlds, magical realism has served as an effective decolonizing agent, providing the ground for marginal voices, submerged traditions, and emergent literatures to develop and create masterpieces. At the same time, this process is not limited to postcolonial situations but constitutes a global trend that replenishes realism from within. In addition to describing what many consider to be the progressive cultural work of magical realism, Faris also confronts the recent accusation that magical realism and its study as a global phenomenon can be seen as a form of commodification and an imposition of cultural homogeneity. And finally, drawing on the narrative innovations and cultural scenarios that magical realism enacts, she extends those principles toward issues of gender and the possibility of a female element within magical realism. The Shaman's Doorway Opening Imagination to Power and Myth [Inner Traditions / Bear & Co](#) A renowned psychotherapist's and scholar's significant and inspiring work on the relation of shamanism to both the psyche and society. Shows the relevance of shamanism to the modern world and how it can lead to a creative and affirmative relationship with life. The Shaman's Doorway is one of the most significant and inspiring works on the relation of shamanism to both the psyche and society. Drawing on his own experience as a psychotherapist and his understanding of primordial shamanic traditions, Stephen Larsen shows the relevance of this path to the modern world and how it can lead to a creative and affirmative relationship with life. Defining the task of the shaman as one of bringing meaning and healing into life, and creating a sense of growing accord with the root of all being, Larsen clearly shows how the shaman, all too often perceived as belonging to the world's past, actually holds the key to our future. Medical Pluralism in the Andes [Psychology Press](#) Capturing the intricacies of health practice within the fascinating context of Andean social history, cultural tradition, community and folklore, this is a remarkable and intimate chronicle of Andean culture and everyday life. Cactus of Mystery The Shamanic Powers of the Peruvian San Pedro Cactus [Simon and Schuster](#) The history of San Pedro and its uses for healing, creativity, and conscious evolution • Includes interviews with practicing San Pedro shamans on their rituals, cactus preparations, and teachings on how San Pedro heals the mind and body • Contains accounts from people who have been healed by San Pedro • Includes chapters by Eve Bruce, M.D., and David Luke, Ph.D., on San Pedro's effects on psychic abilities and its similarities to and differences from ayahuasca San Pedro, the legendary cactus of vision, has been used by the shamans of Peru for at least 3,500 years. Referring to St. Peter, who holds the keys to Heaven, its name is suggestive of the plant's visionary power to open the gates between the visible and invisible worlds, allowing passage to an ecstatic realm where miraculous physical and spiritual healings occur, love and enthusiasm for life are rekindled, the future divined, and the soul's purpose revealed. Exploring the history and shamanic uses of the San Pedro cactus, Ross Heaven interviews practicing San Pedro shamans about ancient and modern rituals, preparation of the visionary brew, experiences with the healing spirit of San Pedro, and their teachings on how the cactus works on the mind, body, and illness. He investigates the conditions treated by San Pedro as well as how it can enhance creativity, providing case studies from those who

have been healed by the cactus and accounts from those who have been artistically and musically inspired through its use. Psychedelic researchers Eve Bruce, M.D., David Luke, Ph.D., and journalist Morgan Maher contribute chapters delving into San Pedro's effects on conscious evolution and psychic abilities as well as its similarities to and differences from ayahuasca. Exploring plant communication and the vital role of music in San Pedro ceremonies, Heaven explains how healing songs are communicated by the sacred plants to the shamans working with them, much in the same way that other gifts of San Pedro--from healing to inspiration to expanded consciousness--are passed to those who commune with this ancient plant teacher. **A Spirit Walker's Guide to Shamanic Tools How to Make and Use Drums, Masks, Rattles, and Other Sacred Implements** [Weiser Books](#) **Build Your Own Shamanic Toolkit** In this beautifully illustrated guide, artist and shamanic teacher Evelyn C. Rysdyk shows you how to create, decorate, consecrate, and use various sacred tools in ritual and healing. Navaho traditional healers bring rattles, corn pollen, eagle feathers, and sage smoke together with songs and dances to affect healing. Ulchi shamans use drums, rattles, and larch tree wands called gimsacha to work healing magic. Manchu shamans will perfume the air with incense and tie on a heavy bustle of iron jingles as a part of their ceremonial costume. Modern shamanic practitioners likewise use sacred tools to facilitate our connection to helper spirits in the Upper, Middle and Lower Worlds, as well as the spirits of nature. While you can purchase many of these tools, there's nothing quite as powerful as making your own. You'll find instructions for making rattles, drums, masks, mirrors, spirit figures, fans, bells, pouches, wands, prayer bundles, flutes, whistles, and more. Plus suggestions for responsible ways to obtain the materials you'll need. "Having an intimate connection to all the spirits that came together in my favorite rattle—knowing that the tiny pebbles came from the local riverbank, the wood handle from a lightning-struck maple in my yard, and the rawhide from a black bear that was hunted by a native friend for food—gives it a far deeper meaning and power." —from the introduction The author's original artwork and photographs of shamans and their authentic tools appear throughout the book. **Cunningham's Book of Shadows The Path of An American Traditionalist** [Llewellyn Worldwide](#) Llewellyn is pleased to present a new Scott Cunningham book—a long-lost Book of Shadows. Discovered in a battered manila envelope, this previously unpublished manuscript was penned by Scott in the early 1980s. This rare book includes original spells, rituals, invocations, and an herbal grimoire. Featured in the design are Scott's actual hand-drawn signs, symbols, and runes. More than twenty years after his passing, Scott Cunningham is still an iconic and highly regarded figure in the magical community. His books on Wicca are considered classics, and his writings continue to inspire and inform those new to the Craft. **The Jaguar Within Shamanic Trance in Ancient Central and South American Art** [University of Texas Press](#) Shamanism—the practice of entering a trance state to experience visions of a reality beyond the ordinary and to gain esoteric knowledge—has been an important part of life for indigenous societies throughout the Americas from prehistoric times until the present. Much has been written about shamanism in both scholarly and popular literature, but few authors have linked it to another significant visual realm—art. In this pioneering study, Rebecca R. Stone considers how deep familiarity with, and profound respect for, the extra-ordinary visionary experiences of shamanism profoundly affected the artistic output of indigenous cultures in Central and South America before the European invasions of the sixteenth century. Using ethnographic accounts of shamanic trance experiences, Stone defines a core set of trance vision characteristics, including enhanced senses, ego dissolution, bodily distortions, flying, spinning and undulating sensations, synaesthesia, and physical transformation from the human self into animal and other states of being. Stone then traces these visionary characteristics in ancient artworks from Costa Rica and Peru. She makes a convincing case that these works, especially those of the Moche, depict shamans in a trance state or else convey the perceptual experience of visions by creating deliberately chaotic and distorted conglomerations of partial, inverted, and incoherent images. **The Gift of Life Female Spirituality and Healing in Northern Peru** [UNM Press](#) In a uniquely personal account of the lives and healing arts of female shamans in northern Peru, the author alternates diaristic writings about her own experiences with ethnographic description. These alternate with chapters in which she describes the crisis that rocked her identity, her first contact with a female healer, and her own tumultuous but ultimately rewarding healing journey under two female shamans. 17 photos. **The Oxford Handbook of Medical Ethnomusicology** [Oxford University Press](#) Medical Ethnomusicology is a new field of integrative and holistic research and applied practice that approaches music, health, and healing anew, engaging the biological, psychological, emotional, social, and spiritual domains of human life that frame and inform our experiences of health and healing, illness and disease, life and death. The power of music to create health and healing at the individual, community, and societal levels is not only linked to these domains of human life, but is intimately interwoven with the ever present and multifaceted frame of culture, which is often where meaning lies, and is a key factor that creates or inhibits efficacy. The Oxford Handbook of Medical Ethnomusicology appeals to all those interested in music, medicine, and culture, and represents a new stage of collaborative discourse among researchers and practitioners who embrace and incorporate knowledge from a diversity of fields. Importantly, such knowledge, by definition, spans the globe of traditional cultural practices of music, spirituality, and medicine, including biomedical, integrative, complementary, and alternative models; is rooted in new physics, philosophy, psychology, sociology, cognitive science, linguistics, medical anthropology, and of course, music, dance, and all the healing arts. The book is more than the first collected volume to establish the discipline of medical ethnomusicology and express its broad potential; it is also an expression of a wider paradigm shift of innovative thinking and collaboration that fully embraces both the health sciences and the healing arts. The authors encourage the development of this new paradigm through an openness to and engagement of knowledge from diverse research areas and domains of human life conventionally viewed as disparate, yet laden with potential benefits for an improved or vibrant quality of life, prevention of illness and disease, even cure and healing. **The Music and Dance of the World's Religions A Comprehensive, Annotated Bibliography of Materials in the English Language** [Greenwood](#)

Publishing Group The first of its kind, this book contains 3,816 references to the music and dance of the world's religions, large and small, tribal, regional, and global. **Perspectives on Method and Theory in the Study of Religion Adjunct Proceedings of the XVIIth Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions, Mexico City, 1995** BRILL This volume is the adjunct proceedings on methodology from the XVIIth Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions, held in Mexico City in 1995. Taken together, the essays present a thorough and coherent perspective on studying religion as an item of human culture. **The Burning Mirror A Christian Encounter with Shamanism** ISPCCK **Cunningham's Encyclopedia of Magical Herbs** Llewellyn Worldwide Do you work magic with herbs? Do you use them in spells, for talismans or simply use their innate powers? If you don't have Cunningham's Encyclopedia of Magical Herbs, you need to get it right away. This book has become a classic in its field. Paul Beyerl, a respected author on herbs calls it "...an essential reference book by students of herbalism and magick alike ... Scott's personable charm touches every page... I highly recommend this book." And Jeanne Rose, famous author of books on herbs and developer of an herbal course says "I love books like this ... It is accessible, easy to read, and with its encompassing index (all too often neglected), simple to use as well." Over 200,000 people already have this book and use it frequently. In this edition of the book (it's expanded and revised on the 15th anniversary of original publication) you will find the magical properties and folklore of over 400 herbs! You'll also find lists of herbs based on their magical powers, their genders, their planetary rulers, and more. Perhaps the most important list is the folk name cross-reference. With that information, when a recipe calls for "bramble, " you'll know it needs blackberry. Or if the magic calls for "enebro," you'll know you that is juniper. The main part of this book is the listings of the herbs. Each one includes names, associations, and magical attributions. Violets can be used for protection, luck, love, and more. Primrose is for protection and love. Garlic is for protection, healing, exorcism, lust, and prevention of theft. This book is considered a classic. It is probably consulted more than any other book on this subject. If you want to learn the secrets of magical herbs, this book is a must! **Lightning in the Andes and Mesoamerica Pre-Columbian, Colonial, and Contemporary Perspectives** Oxford University Press Lightning has evoked a numinous response as well as powerful timeless references and symbols among ancient religions throughout the world. Thunder and lightning have also taken on various symbolic manifestations, some representing primary deities, as in the case of Zeus and Jupiter in the Greco/Roman tradition, and Thor in Norse myth. Similarly, lightning veneration played an important role to the ancient civilizations of Mesoamerica and Andean South America. Lightning veneration and the religious cults and their associated rituals represent to varying degrees a worship of nature and the forces that shape the natural world. The inter-relatedness of the cultural and natural environment is related to what may be called a widespread cultural perception of the natural world as sacred, a kind of mythic landscape. Comparative analysis of the Andes and Mesoamerica has been a recurring theme recently in part because two of the areas of "high civilization" in the Americas have much in common despite substantial ecological differences, and in part because there is some evidence, of varying quality, that some people had migrated from one area to the other. **Lightning in the Andes and Mesoamerica** is the first ever study to explore the symbolic elements surrounding lightning in their associated Pre-Columbian religious ideologies. Moreover, it extends its examination to contemporary culture to reveal how cultural perceptions of the sacred, their symbolic representations and ritual practices, and architectural representations in the landscape were conjoined in the ancient past. Ethnographic accounts and ethnohistoric documents provide insights through first-hand accounts that broaden our understanding of levels of syncretism since the European contact. The interdisciplinary research presented herein also provides a basis for tracing back Pre-Columbian manifestations of lightning its associated religious beliefs and ritual practices, as well as its mythological, symbolic, iconographic, and architectural representations to earlier civilizations. This unique study will be of great interest to scholars of Pre-Columbian South and Mesoamerica, and will stimulate future comparative studies by archaeologists and anthropologists.