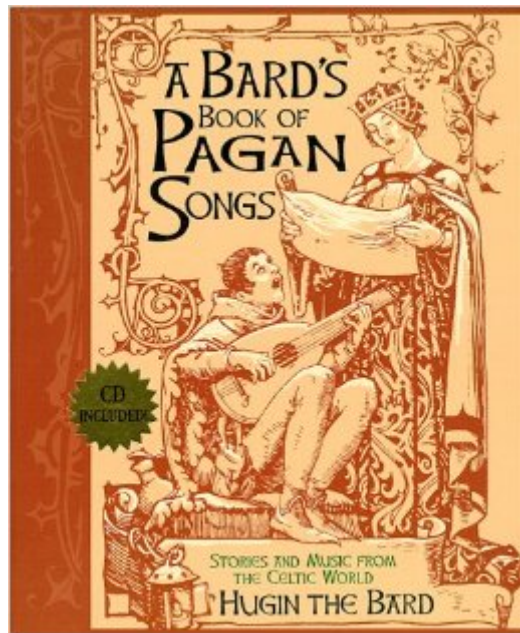


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A Bard's Book Of Pagan Songs: Stories And Music From The Celtic World - CD Included



Synopsis

Lady of the Moon, Maiden, Mother, Crone, Granter of the Boon, With you we're not alone. We honor you tonight, As we read the rune. Love within your light, Lady of the Moon. These are the lyrics to just one of the more than fifty songs, chants, and invocations you'll find in *A Bard's Book of Pagan Songs* by Hugin the Bard. The book begins by explaining the nature of a bard's life. It is more than just singing songs. It is sharing the ancient stories and helping to build the community. It is functioning, when need be, as a spiritual guide. And it is being able to entertain with song. There are two types of songs in this book. First, there are more than a dozen songs based on stories from the ancient Welsh book, the *Mabinogion*. Songs include "Rhiannon of the Birds," "Caswallon's Quarry," and "The Dreams of Arianhrod." The second part of the book has over forty songs, chants, and invocations, beginning with one for each of the major festivals such as "The King Shall Return" for Imbolc and "Dark Night" for Samhain. Then there are a wide variety of tunes that share Hugin the Bard's thoughts, experiences, and ideas, such as "Knights of the Moon," "They Call Us Witches," and "Goddess Delight." For each piece of music you will find the story or explanation for it along with the lead sheet, lyric sheet, and chord chart. In order to really experience this music, every copy of this book now includes, absolutely free, a CD featuring sixteen of the songs from this book!

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Customer Reviews

The book and the CD are both so colorful in word and song that you can't help but enjoy it. I love the stories that come before the written music, I love the written music, and I loved the CD. Believe me,

the songs are contagious! I definitely didn't think I would enjoy it this much, but I did.

This book and CD are a sheer delight. Hugin the Bard takes the tales of the Mabinogion and breathes life into them through a mixture of song and story telling that have the ability to transport you back in time to a Wales thousands of years ago. Close your eyes and you can get a feel what it would have been like to sit in the hall of a great king and listen to the stories of heroes and adventures recounted to an enthralled audience by a Bard who was a master of his art. At the end of the CD you are left with a feeling that you just want to play it again and again.

This is a wonderful book that every pagan should have in their collection. Many wonderful songs and chants are included in this collection. I wish with all my heart that Llewellyn Publishing would re-release this. Pros: The book itself is beautiful. I love the handwritten font inside and the simple music I am a beginning musician so some of sheet music was easy to read, others were for more advanced people, so I will have songs to grow into as I learn. There are songs for all levels. None of these songs are ones you have probably heard. They are the author's originals and I like them. His "Lady of the Moon" is my new favorite chant. Cons: This book is out of print now so the main sources are used copies. Although it says it comes with the CD in the title of the book, be aware that some used copies may not have the CD still included. Mine did not and I would have loved to hear the CD. You will probably have to pay higher prices to get a copy of the book with the CD included. Don't assume it comes with a CD unless it says so in the description. Ask your seller before you order.

This book is made up of two sections. The first part covers stories of the Mabinogion and these are the songs on the CD; the second part covers songs for various wiccan/pagan feasts and gatherings. the book includes music in the form of lead sheets and the stories, anecdotes and songs are well written and great fun. The CD is very entertaining, focused solely on the storytelling, the music is lively and the tales are engaging and entertaining, which is what they are supposed to do. This is NOT traditional songs sung in Gaelic and they are not "pagan" lyrics strapped to pop/rock songs. If you think that either of the previous two things is what you want, give this a pass. If you are looking for an interpretation of Welsh mythology with lively music written and performed by a man who clearly loves sharing the stories then this is for you. By the way, you don't have to be a Wicca/pagan/non-standardized-religion follower to enjoy this work; you just have to love mythology, so you can see a living one at work.

Mainly songs from the stories contained within the Mabinogion this wonderfully strung together CD and song book takes you back to the days when The Bard was a entertainer and news bringer... back in the day (which in this case means WAY back). Great for anyone interested in Welsh mythology or those who walk the path of the wise ones :] Blessed Be and enjoy!

Wow. I really didn't expect to like this nearly as much as I did. The music on the CD is wonderful. Although I can't read or play music, I was able to make up my own tunes for some of the other songs. My family and I are going to enjoy this for a very long time. Thank You Hugin for such a lovely book.

I got this (with the CD!) as a gift from a friend, and it's pretty unique. I was kinda hoping it would have some songs I recognized, but it appears to be mostly stuff I've never heard of, with very old-school, minimalist sheet music to guide bards and lovers of simple Pagan folk music to sing these songs. The CD is really helpful, and those who want to infuse their rituals or their private study with the musical side of the Craft might wanna pick this up.

This music will brighten your day and put a hop in your walk. My family enjoyed both the CD and the written music (for our own live performances). The book has fun stories for storytime too.

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