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Hekate Her Sacred Fires is an exceptional book for an extraordinary, eternal and universal Goddess. It brings together essays, prose and artwork from more than fifty remarkable contributors from all over the world. Their stories and revelations are challenging, their visions and determination in exploring the mysteries are inspirational, and their enthusiasm for the Goddess of the Crossroads is truly entrancing and sometimes highly infectious. Hekate is a Goddess of great antiquity. She is primordial, powerful and sometimes animalistic - and yet, she is also sophisticated, modern and capable of adapting to different cultures. She is the Torchbearer, the Cosmic World Soul, the Guide and Companion. She is Mistress of the Restless Dead, who rules over the Heavens Earth and Sea. She is the Keybearer and so much more. Her devotees today, as throughout the ages, include philosophers, poets, sorcerers, theurgists, witches, root-cutters, enchantresses and ordinary people. In her introduction, the author and priestess Sorita d'Este brings together an exciting wealth of material on the history and development of how the goddess Hekate has been seen through the ages. As well as a fascinating discussion of her possible origins and mythological connections, the introduction also includes a timeline providing glimpses into her portrayal through the ages, with extracts from literature and examples of amulets, coins and art. The spectrum of material covered in this anthology is as diverse as the forms of Hekate herself, emphasising her role as lightbearer, keybearer, initiatrix, world soul, child's nurse, mistress of crossroads and serpent mysteries. Her devotees describe her role in traditional witchcraft and initiatory Wicca, healing and paganism, her approachability through her angels and trance oracles, her assistance in overcoming traumas and helping the dead continue their journeys. From the reestablishment of the ancient worship of the great mother goddess as Hekate in Thrace (Bulgaria) to meteorites and pilgrimages, Hekate's presence around the world and beyond is vividly described and illustrated by her torchbearers.

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Steve Cran says

Avalonia has went ahead and put out another anthology dedicated to Hekate. This would mark the second of such a work . Grand total I think they have put out about four or five books dedicated to Hekate. This attest her popularity among the neo-pagans. Several well known authors in the pagan community have made their contributions to this work among them are: Shani Oates, John Canard, Emily Carding, Vikki Bramshaw, Rqaven Digitalis, Katherine Sutherland plus several others including David Rankine and Sorita D' Este.

A little background on Hekate is called for. Originally she is one of the titans and after the war between the Titan and the Gods she was one of the few that were not imprisoned in Tartarus. She was allowed to keep her domains as Goddess of Earth-Land-Sea. Her parents were Asteria, Goddess of the stars and Perses, a solar deity. Hekate took Asteria's jobs after she left the Earth. Through out the mythology she has been conflated with Persephone, Demeter, Isis and Ereskigal just to name a few. She is not known for her dalliances with other Gods but according to legend she has coupled with Hermes, and Zeus with a possible liason with Hades the king of the underworld.

Triplicate Goddesses appear a lot in ancient mythologies and Hekate is often depicted as having three heads, sometimes in animal form. She is the Goddess of the crossroads where three roads meet. Hekate like Hermes is a psychopomp which means that she guides people too the underworld and sometimes back . Dogs, owls, raven, pigs and wolves are sacred to her as are such herbs as aconite, wormwood, mugwort, cannabis and nightshade. She likes red wine, roses and jewel. She was a popular goddess back then and her popularity is growing with her resurgence.

Many of the authors or authoresses have had experiences where they went through loss and the worst part of their life and it was Hekate who guided them out of it or at least held their hand through it all. One woman had an abusive husband who beat her and killed her only son. She went to jail but ended up getting released in the end. One gentleman dedicated his life to Hekate and she took him to the next level. He lost everything and went through the lowest point in his life. This was part of an initiatory experience.

The reader will gain a lot of knowledge reading this book. However if one wishes to work with Hekate on a regular basis I would also like to advise reading Tara Sancehz's book "The temple of Hekate"

Letitia says

A book that will be read and reread many times over.

As a devoted, solitary Priestess of Hekate, I always love to hear of the ways in which others connect to and work with Her.

I love that these stories have such variation, from full ceremonial magicians, to just-starting-out solitaries. There is so much food for thought and inspiration among these pages, that it will take me several readings more, just to digest it all.

Sorita has done it again, with another wonderful tome of Hekate, that will be treasured by Her devotees for many years to come.

Isis Rea-rose says

Sorita d'Este has an understanding of what pagans and others with an interest in magic wants to read when they are beyond the 'beginner' level of their understanding and study. Whilst other authors continue to take the spotlight with yet more 101 books on the Goddess and how to do basic candle spells, she is creating the books for the next generation. People who are tired of yet another book telling you stuff you already know.

Hekate Her Sacred Fires is an excellent example of a book which pushes out the boundaries, not just a little - but a whole heck of a lot! Don't believe for one moment that you already know what the book is about, or that you know what to expect, because that is not possible.

Firstly this is a LARGE A4 size book. As such the price is really very reasonable.

Then, the introduction by Sorita d'Este, together with the timeline she created showing how the Goddess Hekate was viewed throughout the centuries alone is worth the cover price. It compliments, rather than repeat the material she previously presented in her historical study Hekate Liminal Rites.

Finally, we get to the substance that makes this book the best available on the subject from the perspective of those interested in exploring the Goddess Hekate through practice, ritual, meditation, ceremony and mystical experiences: essays by dozens of people from around the world, representing between them nearly every imaginable type of magical and pagan tradition (Wiccans and Druids, Traditional Witches, Luciferians, Ceremonial Magicians, Mystical Christians, Chaos Magicians and a whole lot more!). Their experiences are diverse, their opinions differ and they all have something unique to add. I loved the essays, disagreed with many things, agreed with many things and learned from all of it.

Simply a wonderful addition to my learning and understanding, though I am not a devotee of the Goddess Hekate, I found myself swept along with the stories and 'seeing' the Goddess through the eyes of the devotees.

Excellent work, Highly Recommended!

Παλλαδα?α Σ?ρια says

Fantastic book full of histories with the Lady of the Mysteris...

Easy to read, full of information, with a fantastic introduction for Sorita D'Este. This book may be in your library if you are a devotee of the Goddess.

Joseph "Millennium Man" says

Book starts with background and history of the goddess. Next is a collection of essays of personal experiences with Hackate from various different contributors. There is also a glossary and more material at the end of the book. I recognized names of a few familiar pagan/wiccan authors. I believe I made an excellent choice for a book about the goddess Hakate.

