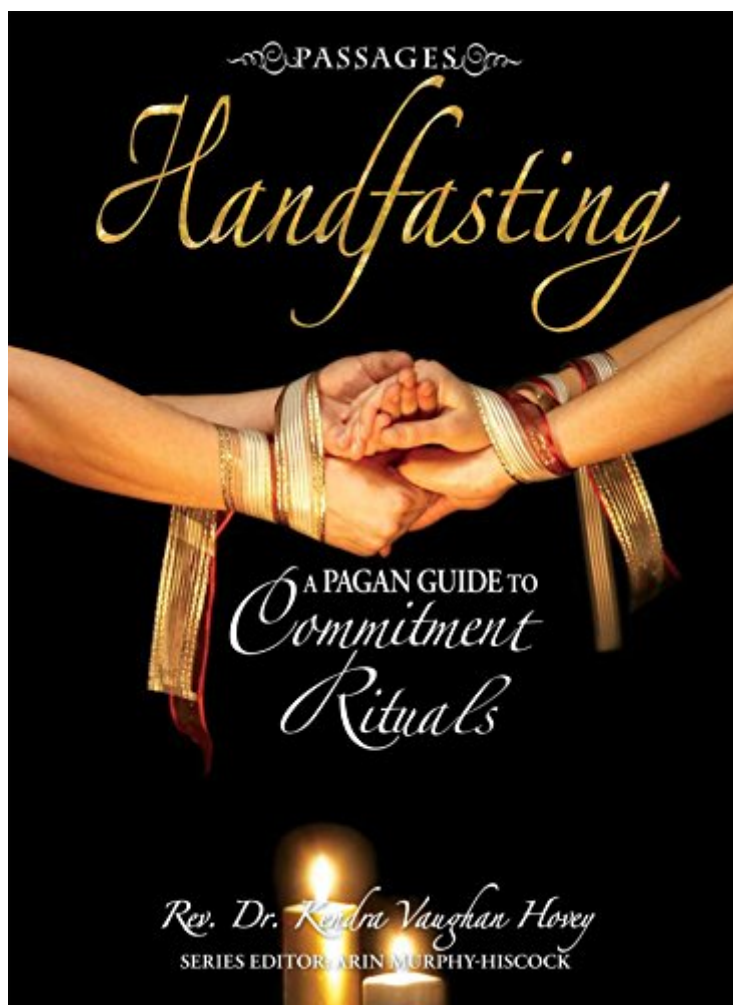


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Customer Reviews

Admittedly I did not see the cataloging information on the back cover of this book or I would have know it is a Wicca/ New Age book. However. I found much of it to be more so about the religious practices of the author herself rather than a book about planning a commitment ritual. Much of the information is creepily Christian-like such as her description of a typical pre-meal prayer to the "God and Goddess" that occurs nightly at her house. Not really my speed.... Some parts sound like bible passages where she has simply added "Goddess" and some natural words to make it more pagan. I am sure there are plenty of folk who are comfortable with that, I am just not one of them. The book seems to wander away from directly wedding/handfasting/commitment related topics and delve more into general Wiccan practices and some preachy bits about the Rule of Three. All that aside I did find it to be a useful book in terms of references. Quick guide to different gods and goddesses, flowers, oils, etc. I would not buy again but the book isn't a total loss as it contains some things that

are not included in some of the other books I have on the subject. Overall I would not recommend this book to someone trying to plan their first handfasting. It is far too narrow and for someone who is not experienced in that type of ritual it is far too "one size fits all" I found "Handfasting and Wedding Rituals: Welcoming Hera's Blessing" by: Raven Kaldera, Tannin Schwartzstein to be FAR more helpful for planning and more inclusive of non-traditional ritual for same sex couples, transgender couples, etc. Not that a Wiccan perspective on Handfasting is wrong, but Handfasting and Wedding Rituals just included a much broader scope of ideas that I think would be more useful for clergy as a reference book due to the wide array of pagans they might be asked to join.

This is a gentle introduction to handfasting for someone who's unfamiliar with common rituals. It contains a lot of ideas to introduce some witchy/pagan aspects to a wedding where non-pagans who aren't quite accepting will attend. If you're freer to design the ritual you want, this will set up the organization of the ceremony very nicely. I'd call this a good book for beginners rather than something a true pagan/Wiccan would be interested in.

I just finished reading Rev. Dr. Kendra's book on the way to work this morning. Wow!! Now I want to plan a handfasting!! I should probably start by saying that I am single, and there is very little chance of me being handfasted in the near future. Generally, books on marriage/handfasting do nothing for the single person (and arguably, rightly so), but this book was different. There were bits and pieces I could extract and apply to my own life, even though I am not currently in a relationship, which I believe makes this book a rare treasure. I loved to flow of the book. There was a lot of information in there, but it wasn't overwhelming. I also loved all of the historical tidbits for each of the traditions as well as the metaphysical meanings behind everything. The one that particular struck me was the Samhain themed wedding....I could literally visualize it down to the smallest detail!! I consider this book to be a major asset in my metaphysical library. Kudos!!

Rev. Dr. Kendra has a great writing style. It was easy to read and was setup up very nicely. Some great examples of different types of handfastings. She also talks about everything from the engagement to the reception the handfasting and everything inbetween. Lots of really good information. If you are the soon-to-be web couple this is a great book. If you are the person performing the handfast, then this is still a good book for reference. Just keep in mind that the good Rev. is writing as if her audience is the newly engaged couple. I enjoyed reading this book and it will remain in my library for any future need.

This book is absolutely fantastic for anyone wishing to get an idea on the process of handfasting. The author brings the information to you in a way that the reader is able to make it fit for them, personally. Not only does the author inform the reader about the ceremony, but also goes on to educate about the history of handfasting and how it came about. This is important to anyone undergoing any type of ceremony!! 'Passages Handfasting: A Pagan Guide To Commitment Rituals' is a beautifully written book and is easy to comprehend. I would highly recommend it to anyone wanting to partake in this ceremony or even just wanting to gain more knowledge as to what handfasting is.

There are some great ideas though my biggest issue I suppose is that upon looking up the author I found that she has become born again christian and it almost leaves a bad taste in my mouth after reading this book feeling like she was a "pretend pagan" as I have encountered too much. Though it's alright. There is another Handfasting book by Raven Kaldera and Tannin Schwartzstein that is much much better.

For a book whose subtitle is "A pagan guide to commitment rituals" there's shockingly little about the actual commitment ritual. There's a lot of general information about planning a wedding, specifically the wedding planning process if you're a pagan. I would recommend this book to a pagan person who is just beginning the wedding planning process. If you are looking for how to structure a handfasting ceremony, look for a different book. I was looking for different things to include in the ceremony.

Wonderful book

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