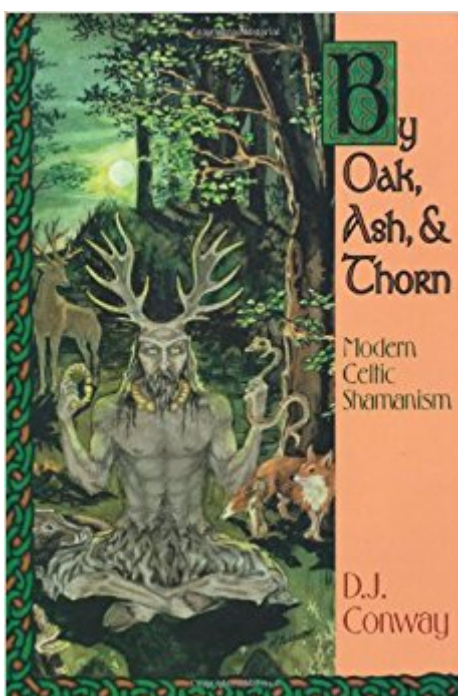


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# By Oak, Ash, & Thorn: Modern Celtic Shamanism (Llewellyn's Celtic Wisdom)



## Synopsis

Take one part of the world's oldest spiritual system (shamanism), mix in one part of one of the world's most popular spiritual cultures (the Celts), and bring it up to date by blending in modern forms of shamanism. The result is one of the most amazing books you'll ever use, D. J. Conway's *By Oak, Ash, & Thorn*. This book is filled with information that can start you on a lifetime of study, practice, and spirituality. First, you'll learn about ancient and modern forms of shamanism. You'll discover the secrets of the three shamanic worlds, and how you can travel through these mysterious realms. You'll be shown how to communicate and deal with the entities and allies you meet there. You'll also learn about the tools that a shaman uses. The thing that makes this book unique is that it comes from the viewpoint of Celtic shamanism, and not some generalized form. As a result, the worlds are specifically Celtic in nature. The tools come from Celtic myth and lore. The fifty entities you meet are named and defined as the Faery Folk and their kin â• from the Bean sidhe (banshee) to the Will o' the Wisp (a faery who appears at night in lonely places carrying a lantern to confuse travellers). Almost fifty more animal allies are listed and described. You will also learn the mysteries of the vision quest and how it applies and can be used by Celtic shamans. Before starting your journey you will take a test to determine your strengths and weaknesses as a potential shaman. Other topics include: - Shamanic Healing - Soul Retrieval - Shape-shifting - Invisibility - Divination with stones, the omen stick and the Ogam alphabet - Pathworking through the three shamanic worlds - Different forms of Celtic magic - Herbs This only begins to hint at everything that you can learn from this book. Get your copy today.

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When most people think of the spiritual path of the ancient Celts, they think of the Druids. But just as there are many groups of Christians with varying ideas today, should we not assume that there were other spiritual paths open to the Celts? In *By Oak, Ash, & Thorn*, D. J. Conway reveals that there was, indeed, another system which was shamanic in nature. Then she updates this ancient system with many of the modern techniques of shamanism to present a system that is usable today but goes back thousands of years: Celtic Shamanism. This book shares a complete system with you. It begins by describing many aspects of shamanism, but with a Celtic spin to them. You will be amazed at how you see all of the shamanic references in the ancient Celtic texts. You will also discover the tools you need for Celtic Shamanism and learn that they come directly from ancient sources. And of course, you'll learn how to make use of them today. Divination? You'll learn several Celtic techniques, including working with the ancient Ogam Runes. Shamanic Vision Quests? The book explains how to take Celtic ones. Journeying through the Shamanic otherworlds? It's in the book within a Celtic context. Magic? Of course! Secrets of herbs? They're in here. Healing? Instructions are included. Shamanic soul retrieval? In this book you'll find out how. I really like this book's honesty. This is not ancient shamanism. Much of ancient shamanism wouldn't apply to us today. Rather it draws upon the ancient Celtic shamanism and combines it with some of the latest interpretation of shamanic beliefs and techniques. The result is a book that is fresh and meaningful. One of the great things about this book, besides showing an entirely new &#151; yet ancient &#151; Celtic path, is that it shows how the ancient systems can be infused with life and value for today. This is a book you are going to read many times.

A native of the Pacific Northwest, author D.J. Conway has studied the occult fields for over 35 years. Her quest for knowledge has covered every aspect of Paganism and Wicca to New Age and Eastern philosophies; plus history, the magical arts, philosophy, customs, mythologies and folklore. In 1998, she was voted Best Wiccan and New Age author by *Silver Chalice*, a Pagan magazine. Conway is the author ofÂ more than 20 nonfictionÂ books including: *Celtic Magic* (Llewellyn), *Dancing with Dragons* (Llewellyn), *Mystical Dragon Magic* (Llewellyn), *The Ancient Art of Faery Magick* (10 Speed Press), and *The Little Book of Candle Magic* (10 Speed Press). She lives a rather quiet life, with most of her time spent researching and writing. Â

This is probably my favorite introduction into shamanism. If you're into European shamanism (Celtic), instead of Native American shamanism, this book is for you. I'm about 3/4 through it. There are numerous exercises, and one can adapt this to their specific area of interest. A little truth is found in all areas.

An interesting book of what's involved in becoming a shaman. If contemplating becoming a shaman, it is a must read. Shamanic meditations are very sensorily oriented. Rather than cutting oneself off from sensations, the shamanic mediation involves using all the senses going on a shamanic meditative journey. A shamanic meditative journey is significantly different from a shamanic journey. A shamanic meditative journey gives one a significant amount of insight into one's spiritual state and likely will reveal areas where one could improve. Insight as to how to improve prayers for healing of oneself and others can often be revealed. It has an excellent chapter on developing the concept of oneness with all things include the universe and with all sentient beings throughout the universe. It heightens one's sensitivity to another's soul, including the soul of animals. An awareness of a connectedness with all things is heightened. An almost stellar awareness of the power of love, compassion and understanding can be experienced with feeling for things seen and unseen. If you are interested having a spiritual awakening, this book is well worth reading.

Nicely written and very informative.

Thank you for this great product!

Great resource book. D. J. Conway is an amazing writer. I use this and several of her other works in teaching Wicca 101. This book was ordered for a student who chose to walk a Shamanic path.

I really enjoyed this book. I have already done visual journeys with the book Avalon Within. I know a lot of people don't care for this book, but I did. I wish I had gotten it years ago when I first saw it. I would already be a Shaman. I truly think if you want to be a better person that this book will help. Do the journeys and see for yourself. You either love it or don't. Your choice. D J Conway does have a tendency to repeat a lot of stuff in her books. But this is a truly good book.

Personally I found this book very informative very helpful and the writing flows well I was not bored to tears some writers tend to get a bit long winded and preachy dj conway keeps things simple and effective

I love it!

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