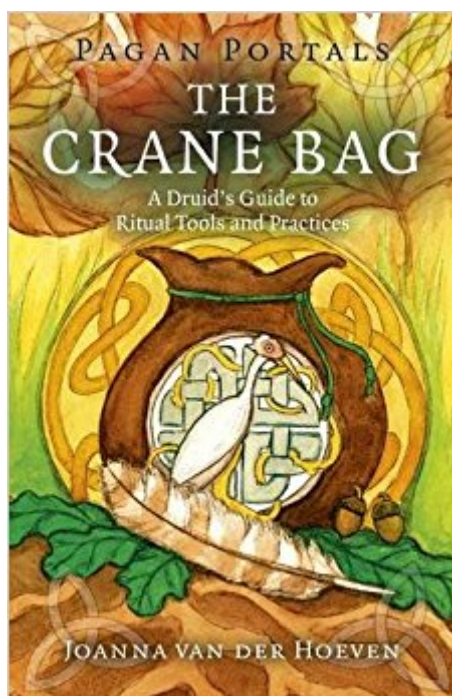




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Customer Reviews

Joanna van der Hoeven is a Druid, bestselling author and teacher. She is the cofounder of Druid College UK. Joanna moved to the UK in 1998, where she now lives with her husband in a small village in Suffolk near the coast of the North Sea.

Unlike the previous reviewer, I am bearing in mind what this book is intended to be: a brief introduction into the concept of a crane bag. For this purpose, it is an excellent concise work. I like the author's language choices. She exhibits a clarity of language and concept that is very helpful for someone who is not already familiar with crane bags and their uses. Think of it as a Bag of Holding for druids.

Just finished this compact tome today. I can thoroughly recommend it! "Small, but perfectly formed" springs to mind. This is a great primer for any newcomer to a Pagan practice from the British Isles, you don't need to be a Druid to find it relevant. Whilst we don't have a definitive system followed by all here historically this is a good insight into Druidic/Celtic practice that I think works. The "Crane Bag" of the title, as is indicated in the text, is very similar to the "medicine bag/pouch" that occurs in First Nation American shamanistic practice, which is what many would recognise, but the idea was common to many early practices as a connection to place, deity & spirits of place. I especially liked chapter five, the "Altered States" section. All in all the book gives a nice, simple way to honour the deities that is sympathetic to these Isles & doesn't get bogged down with too much ceremony & comes across as honest & heartfelt. If you want to perform ritual in a simple, holistic & approachable manner this is the book for you!

I have enjoyed Joanna's work since *Awen Alone*. This little volume is packed full of, difficult to find, Druidic information. It was an absolute joy to read and a must have for any druids bookshelf, but especially for solitary druids.

Meh. Seems a bit light on detail and facts. This reads is more or less a "Section" within a larger work - which is really what it ought to be.

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