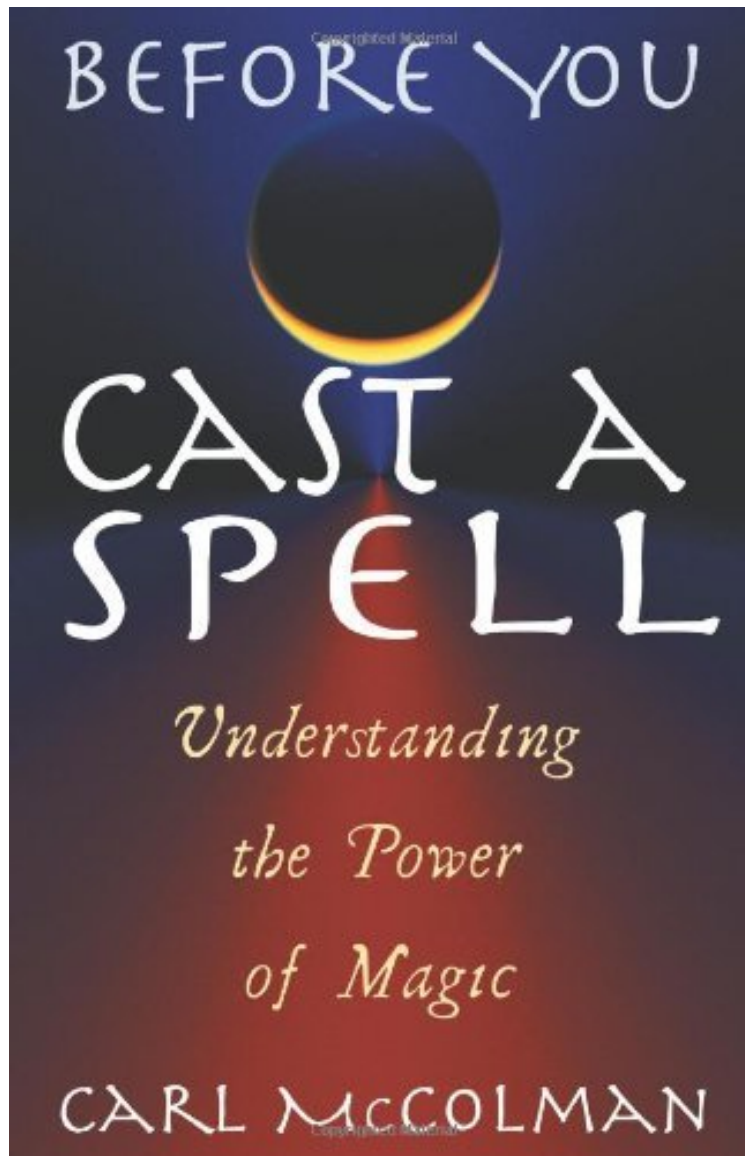


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Cast A Spell reviewBy James E. AllisonWhen I bought this book I was new to the Craft. A lot of people interested in witchcraft seemed to be in it just for the spell work. This book gave me great guidance in this area. The purpose of witcraft was not just casting spells and working magic, but forming a relationship with the dieties that are. The author gave many safeguards in using spellwork wrongly by teaching us the

right way of doing witchcraft. I enjoyed reading this book because I think it is a book all new witches should read. If the guidelines in this book were truly followed, witches would have a better foundation in which to build their spellwork. Before you can walk, you must first crawl, etc. First, learn the basics, then move into the areas of experimentation and magic. This book teaches you how.² of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great info, but seriously...put down the 2x4, sir! By B. Warrick I think the premise of this book is great: basically, the author drives home the points that a) witchcraft is not a quick fix for all of your problems and that witchcraft demands lots of study and hard work; and b) having taken up witchcraft, one should be an ethical witch who works to change themselves first.. Bottom line: the advice here is sound, and much needed in our world of 'TV Show Witchcraft'. However, I gotta say it: this author has a HUGE ego, and almost assumes that EVERYONE picking up this book actually believes that witchcraft is a quick fix and what they REALLY want to do is 'get to the good stuff' so that they can run out and turn their cheating ex-boyfriend into a toad or something. Needless to say, this is not the case. In fact, that sort of 'quick fix seeker' will likely never even pick up this book to begin with! No...the sort of person who will buy this book is the sort of person who in fact WANTS to 'do it right', take their time, and learn before they act. That is why we BOUGHT YOUR BOOK, dude! So really - the preaching down to us is not only unnecessary, but borderline insulting. Bottom line: Great info. Annoying tone.⁰ of 0 people found the following review helpful. ...By Ali The book was not quite what I thought. I actually got the first chapter through free online classes site and it seemed really great, so I bought it. Looking through the book, this thing is pretty well a waste of money. The first chapter is the most informative, don't buy it. Go to witchschool.com and sign up for the class "before you cast a spell". You'll save yourself the money.

This book explains the universal laws and principles that form the foundation of magical practice and will help you find the confidence and skill essential not only to writing and casting your own spells, but to applying magic to every area of your life.

From Publishers Weekly McColman argues that readers must understand universal spiritual principles before they attempt to go about casting spells, raising or directing energy, or performing other kinds of magical procedures. Especially directed toward neophytes, his book uses a chatty style, employing catchy phrases such as, "First of all, let's get crystal clear about something, straight up. Magic and spellcraft involve power-spiritual power." The author, a spiritual writer, teacher and speaker, takes readers through the myths of magic, laws of magic, ethics of spellcraft and concepts like the Goddess and the God. His approach is slow and precise, as he suggests, for example, that readers wait three days before casting a spell to make sure they really want the outcome. "Have you really tried every possible mundane means to achieve it?" he asks. McColman, who grew up Christian, believes the notions that magic is superstition or evil are "outmoded." His modern guide promises a careful approach to changing life through magic. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.