



La Sorciere: The Witch of the Middle Ages

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Theophania Publishing. Paperback. Condition: New. 282 pages. Dimensions: 8.9in. x 6.0in. x 1.0in. It was said by Sprenger, before the year 1500, Heresy of witches, not of wizards, must we call it, for these latter are of very small account. And by another, in the time of Louis XIII. : To one wizard, ten thousand witches. Witches they are by nature. It is a gift peculiar to woman and her temperament. By birth a fay, by the regular recurrence of her ecstasy she becomes a sibyl. By her love she grows into an enchantress. By her subtlety, by a roguishness often whimsical and beneficent, she becomes a Witch; she works her spells; does at any rate lull our pains to rest and beguile them. All primitive races have the same beginning, as so many books of travel have shown. While the man is hunting and fighting, the woman works with her wits, with her imagination: she brings forth dreams and gods. On certain days she becomes a seeress, borne on boundless wings of reverie and desire. The better to reckon up the seasons, she watches the sky; but her heart belongs to earth none the less. Young and flower-like herself, she...

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