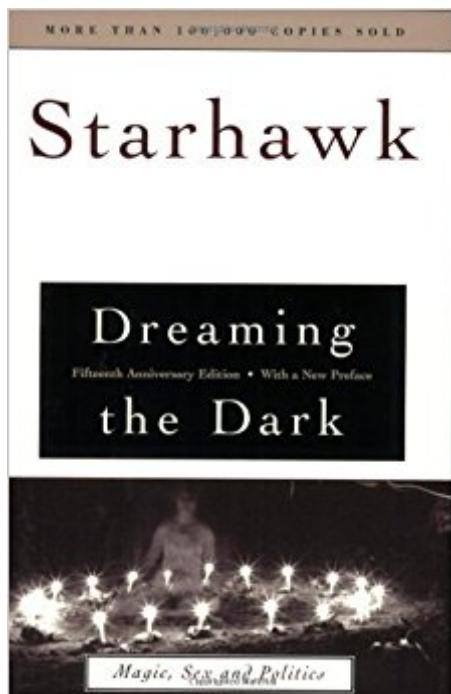


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# Dreaming The Dark : Magic, Sex, And Politics



## **Synopsis**

Featuring narrative, chants, songs, and rituals, Dreaming the Dark has helped many thousands of women use magic, spirituality, and community to bring about political and social change. This anniversary edition of the best-selling classic includes a new preface reflecting on the fifteen years since the book's original publication.

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Dreaming the Dark is [Starhawk's] best book; it offers myths of fulfillment, rituals of healing, an unusual but perhaps ultimately pragmatic cultural perspective, and a vision for survival and growth.

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--Aunt Edna's Reading List

A writer, activist, and witch, Starhawk is the author, most recently, of *The Fifth Sacred Thing* and *Walking to Mercury*. She lives in San Francisco.

I loved the philosophy, but Starhawk was kind of all over the place on this one. Maybe "magic, sex, and politics" is too much to consider adequately in 219 pages. I didn't feel like she really finished any of her points. I did think that the Appendix, "The Burning Times" was excellent and brought out some perspectives I had not read elsewhere, nor considered. The price of the book was worth it for that segment. With many of her books, I feel I get a lot out of the beginning, too, and this book was no exception. The middle, though, was not as useful to me. The other thing I will use this book for is her chapter on group structures. I struggle with helping my college students make small group discussions meaningful. I will try some of her ideas with the next class I teach. I think they will keep the students more engaged, and prevent one student from hijacking the conversation! I would recommend approaching this book with a very open mind, and a willingness to go where it takes you.

I discovered this book while staying at an Airbnb in Maine and I absolutely loved it! Sometimes you read a book and it just feels like you were meant to read those words. Starhawk's stories are so powerful, awakening a sense of responsibility and empowerment. Her journey is so inspiring and heartfelt. It really gets you back to the roots of feminine powers being suppressed and controlled to the detriment of society. Even though the original edition was written over 30 years ago, it's so extremely relevant to the world today. Highly recommend this book.

Dreaming the Dark is without a doubt my favorite book. It has been unbelievably touching and helpful for discovering the right Pagan/nonviolence/earth-based path for me. I first discovered Starhawk through a friend who lent me another one of her books, *The Spiral Dance*, which I absolutely adored. In this book, I particularly enjoyed the section that describes various roles that come about in a coven or communal living situation and how to help the relationships develop so that they're less hierarchical and how to determine what role I'm currently playing and how to improve my own interactions with everyone. This is my favorite book by Starhawk and my favorite book overall. And that's saying a lot.

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