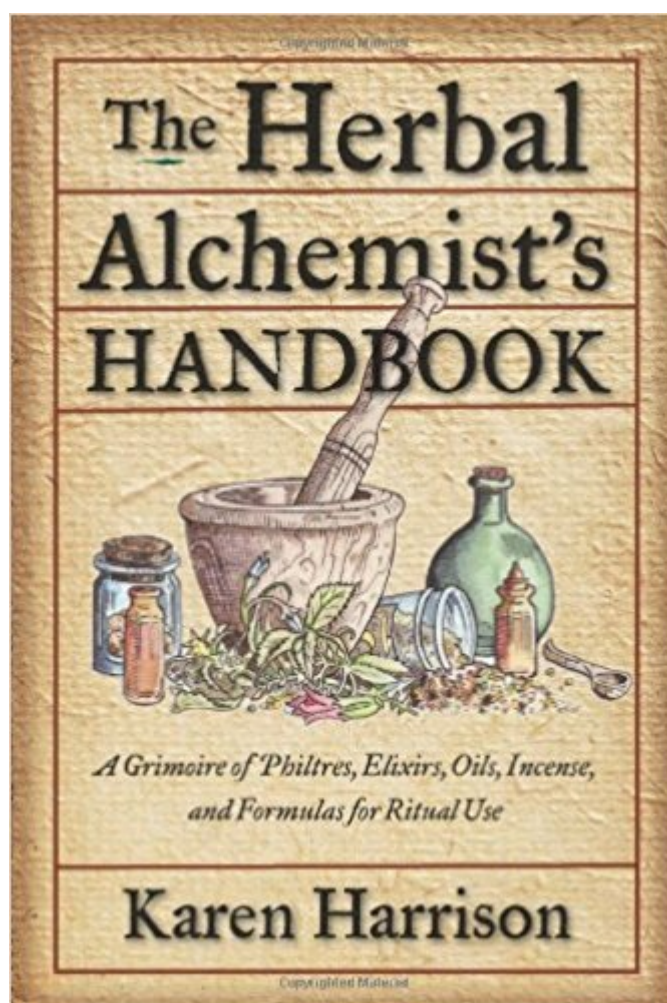


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Synopsis

Herbs have been used for medicine, magic, and ritual for centuries. The ancient arts of Herbal Alchemy and Herbal Magick combine an understanding of the healing and energizing effects of herbs (roots, leaves, flowers, resins and essential oils) with an understanding of the cycles of the natural world--the astrological movement of the stars and planets, and the cycles of the earth's seasons. In this easy-to-use compendium of herbs and their energy associations, master herbalist and magick practitioner Karen Harrison offers formulas anyone can use to obtain courage, creativity, and lasting health, to increase prosperity and to enhance psychic and spiritual powers. Harrison shows how to select herbs based on their astrological associations as well as their medicinal properties. with a materia magica of more than 150 herbs and a multitude of recipes, readers will learn how to blend incense, ceremonial oils, bath salts, herbal amulets, fluid condensers, and herbal philtres; and how to use them in meditation, ritual, or energy work. Discover the best herbs to improve any area of your life, based on their planetary energies: * Health and Success. Sun herbs: St. John's Wort, Chamomile, Calendula* Meditation and Dreamwork. Moon herbs: jasmine, sandalwood, myrrh* Motivation and Energy at Work. Herbs of Mars: Safflower, red sandalwood, ginger, and honeysuckle* Prosperity. The Herbs of Jupiter: Carnation, Cedar, Oakmoss and Pine.* Protection and Stability. The Herbs of Saturn: Hyssop, Garlic, Coriander, Patchouli or Chaparral.

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does it have excellent recipes, but it tells you the how and why behind the principles of formulation rooted in tradition but not afraid to add new, practical and firsthand knowledge. In particular, Karen takes a tough topic, formulation with your numerology or astrology and explains the process in clear terms and makes it fun as well as informative." --Christopher Penczak, author of The Temple of Witchcraft series and The Plant Spirit Familiar"A thorough and remarkably usable handbook." --Lon Milo DuQuette, author of Enochian Vision Magick"Karen Harrison's got the goods! I met Karen in the flesh in 1987, although my company had been selling her Moon Magic line of oils and incenses for years. I thought I knew something about herbs--this was before my first real conversation with her! I am delighted that she has finally distilled her years of herbal practice, Qabalistic study, astrological knowledge and magical expertise into a book that will benefit any student of the occult arts, from novice to adept. Well done, Karen!" --Judith Hawkins-Tillirson, author of The Weiser Concise Guide to Herbal Magick"Being a well trained and experienced herbologist, the author has created a modern-day herbal grimoire by presenting valuable material in an easy to follow format. She gathers ancient wisdom and illustrates its use in a intelligible style convenient for the modern practitioner. Delightful reading for the herbalist, witch and astrologer alike." --Theitic, editor/publisher of The Witches' Almanac"Karen Harrison's book is a boon to herbalists, alchemists, witches and magicians alike. Based on the philosophy and teachings of Paracelsus, it details--in every sense of the word--the use of herbs; examining the spirit or chi of the plants, and suggests how that special individual power might be used both mundanely and magically. This is an eminently practical book. It is fully annotated and offers recipes for the blending of incenses, for ceremonial oils, philtres and more. For me, this book will have a permanent place in my collection. It is a joy to read; a wealth of knowledge." --Raymond Buckland, author of Buckland's Book of Gypsy Magic

Karen Harrison has been involved with magick, the psychic arts, and occultism since early childhood. She earned a Master of Herbology from the Emerson College of Herbology in Montreal, and is the proprietress of Moon Magick Alchemical Apothecary. She and her husband also own Isis Books, Gifts and Healing Oasis in Denver, Colorado (www.isisbooks.com), the largest and most complete brick and mortar store in the U.S. specializing in world spirituality, magick and herbs/essential oils.

this is an interesting book and a rather quick read-thru. not as detailed and factual or science-based as I would have liked. it definitely leans more toward the magical/mystical rather than the practical. if you want something that has herbal and essential oil info but leans toward the light and playful...this

is for you.

Great reference for the alchemist's library.

I really wanted to like this book, but after wading in several times, I just can't get there. If you are interested in alchemy, there are many better introductions. Look for books about spagyrics. If you are interested in herbalism, the same. This one has some super basic stuff about incense too, but is less helpful than many websites out there. The book really glosses over some basic ideas and has a lot of language about manifesting. It is certainly not a handbook. That implies that it would be a useful reference, which it is not. Sorry.

Wow! This is one of the best purchases I've made! I ordered based on the high rating and some people raving about it various places on the internet. So I went over to , found a good price, and ordered! Then I noticed some complaints. I started to worry. Well the book showed up. This book has surpassed every expectation I had! It's better than I could ever have hoped! It has some nice, basic rituals and mixtures in it. But the best part is all the information! Any Wiccan, Pagan, or Herbalist knows that the rituals and mixtures are all your own making. It's not like making brownies. So what you really need is the information to put it all together in tune to the Universe. This book may not have every last little thing under the Sun, but no book does. This is great for beginners or experts. The big plus is so much different information is all in one place! And orderly, not mixed up like handwritten notes. I would 100% recommend!

Love the book. It arrived and the front cover was ripped, so I was a bit disappointed in that. But the book itself is great.

well written. clear and concise. easy to look up things as a reference afterwards. Herbs also given planetary references and things I would have never thought of.

I am very upset with the author of this book, because the title and description are extremely misleading. This is not a book that explains alchemy! It is a new age astrology association book. In no shape or form does this book explain anything about the practices of alchemy, nor does it have instructions or recipes. For example her recipe for bath tea bags is to put herbs and salt in a muslin bag! Not to mention that particular page is repeated twice in the book, very poor editing. If you want

to know which planet and astrology sign associates with what herb (???), then this is the book for you. If you're looking for a book explaining alchemy with instructions and recipes to make herbal elixirs, tinctures, etc, then definitely look elsewhere. Even the herbal directory in this book is measly and disappointing. Also, I have been using essential oils for over a decade and the section in this book regarding essential oils is not only very vague, the information that is there, is incorrect! It is very clear that the author has no knowledge of essential oils. I can't find one good thing about this book. I don't know how anyone can give this book 5 stars, they must have really wanted to know which herbs are associated with which planet or astrology sign!

A great intro to making some wonderful magickal mixtures. It gives the basic premise of formulating and creating the mixtures. I suppose I was hoping for more details on the alchemy and maybe more personal recipes (because Karen's blends are to die for), but that was my own expectation and is no reflection on the author.

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