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From the Publisher:

"Gypsies are justly famed for their psychic powers and the ability to curse or bring good luck to those that cross their path." A sparkling compilation of secrets passed down from one generation to the next, Gypsy Magic offers readers simple techniques for harnessing "zee energy" to bring about good luck, health, wealth, happiness, and love. Author Patrinella Cooper draws upon her Romany heritage and tells readers "how the Gypsy tradition helped me to develop my own power, which in turn enables me to help other people, through magic and fortune-telling." Perfect for anyone interested in the interplay between nature and divination, this introduction to the gypsy traditions shows how to unlock the power of palmistry, tarot, dreams, tea leaves, and, of course, crystal balls. In addition to sharing time-tested natural remedies and healing herbs, Cooper shares her traveler's insight into reading nature's signs and omens, from stars and seasons to birds and plants. Gypsy Magic also reveals how to attract good luck with charms, protect against curses, harness the power of the planets, and weave simple spells.

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Janet says

Informative and entertaining, this book explains the Gypsy "Zee" energy, and a wealth of spells to protect one from curses and bad luck. Includes a lengthy explanation of Tarot cards and fortune-telling, as well as lovely descriptions of Gypsies living in and learning from nature. Born in a bender (Gypsy) tent, Cooper is well qualified to share this info. Wish she'd given more on vocabulary, though; she still keeps some secrets from the Gadjо. (non-Gypsies).

Sherry says

Bought this book for research and found it to be very simple. I have some books about the Rom by the Romani and this wasn't more than a basic intro into some customs and magics. I was a little disappointed though I enjoyed the book. If you are looking for detailed info, this isn't for you. If you are just starting out, then you'll find this helpful. But beware, there is opinion mingled into the actual information and without other context, you may find it confusing to know which is which.

Still, it was fun and I am glad to have it in my library.

Melissa Luna says

I really enjoyed the no-nonsense writing style of this author. Writing from her personal experiences growing up, the "magic and spells" come across as so much ancestral and cultural heritage. Not new-agey or hokey at all, just very common sense and genuine.

Geraldine Dyer says

Very insightful. I find myself referring back to it a lot.

Hazim Bangwar says

Sometimes I don't even know why I read such random junk..

Rebekah Gamble says

I'm not entirely sure what to make of this book. On one hand, there was some very useful information sprinkled with bits of family experience that made it enjoyable and seem more legitimate. On the other hand, there were a lot of things in the book that didn't seem to be from the traditions of the different 'Gypsy' groups I've worked with, but from other places. The author often mentions 'there are ways to do such and such, but we're not going to talk about that because it's too advanced.' I might be biased here, but the book seemed very introductory and didn't seem to explain the cultural reasons for why things are done in the way they were. For instance, tables of correspondence are provided, but no explanation as to why those correspondences in this tradition.

It's certainly wasn't a bad read and is easy to understand and go through in an hour or so, but it seemed very diluted to me. I think I'd reserve this for a beginning audience, who would probably enjoy it most.

Madii Wade says

such a gorgeous book! great to refer back to for spells, meditations, herbal knowledge. It was so lovely to read and learn about the gypsies who don't have a great reputation. highly recommend!

Patricia says

Cooper's clear and decisive choices made this book endearing to me. Cooper's book shows me where some of my leanings come from and explains some family traditions I never understood.
