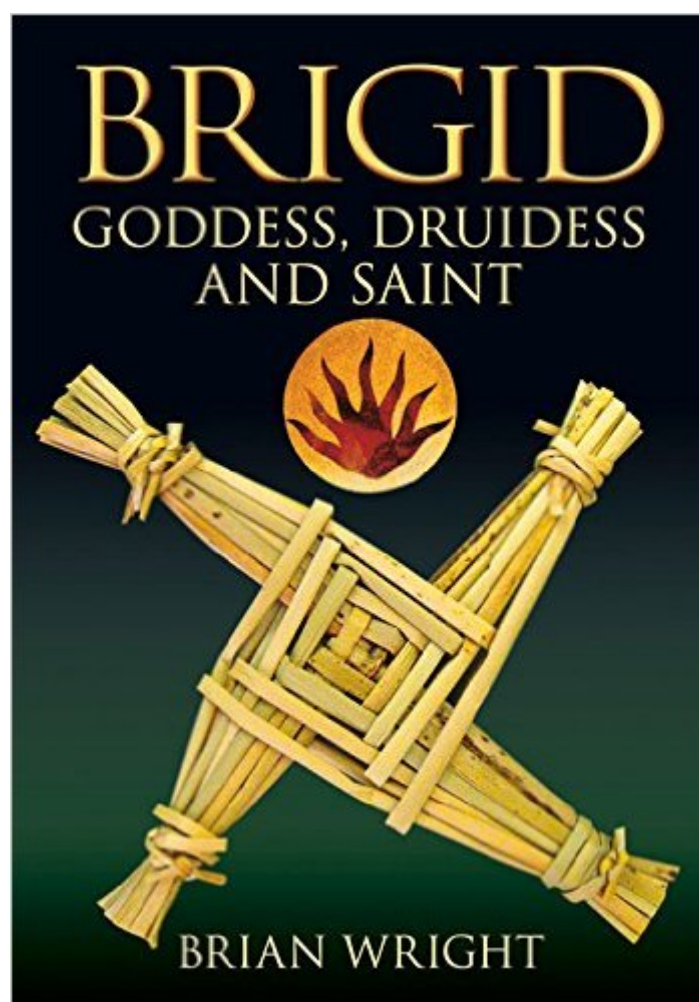


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Synopsis

Brigid is a mysterious figure, both goddess and saint, who is still revered worldwide today in her different aspects. Combining early Celtic history, archaeology and customs associated with both the goddess and the saint, this book provides a fascinating insight into the development of this unique mythical and historical figure. Using the available evidence, the author suggests a date for the conception of the deity Brigid, suggesting why and by whom she was created. He also explains how the goddess "became" a saint and how this is historically linked with the unification of Ireland under a High King. The book goes on to look at how the goddess and the saint are still venerated in today's world, such as the burning of the perpetual flame in Ireland, relit by President McAleese in 2006.

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Customer Reviews

I started this book as part of a daily devotion to the Goddess Brighid, and as part of celebrating Imbolc. I found this book to be a very good resource for information and well worth the read if you have interest in the Goddess and/or saint Brighid. I will warn you however that reading this book can be downright painful, it is written in a very dry, scholarly technical, style, reminiscence of college textbooks. This is probably due to the fact that it is written by an archaeologist, folklore historian and lecturer. This book may not be what the reader expects, it is not a book of prayers or rituals dedicated to the Goddess or Saint Brighid, it is not a New Age, or Wicca book on the subject, it is not written by a dedicant of her, it is instead a very serious, scholarly exploration of Brighid. The first chapter focuses on Brigantia and her possible connection to Brighid and how Brighid, was

"conceived,'. The second chapter focuses on druidism and how Brighid went from Goddess to saint and explores the possible hows and whys. The rest of the book focuses on her temples, their locations, their layout, what may have been done there, her other names, her attributes, her relics, her feast day, her connections with nature, her folk traditions, how she was seen and celebrated in other countries, etc. The book has a lot of information crammed into it, most subjects are covered in great depth, while a few other left you wanting for more. I think this book ended abruptly and without a real conclusion and I feel the subject of how Brighid is seen and celebrated in modern society should have been covered more in depth. This book contains as many photos and drawings, historical quotes, prayers, references etc. but surprisingly what it does not contain is any footnotes, works cited, or bibliography, instead it includes a five page "Further Reading" sections that would be impossible to navigate or really use if one wanted to find or verify his sources. I do recommend this book to anyone interested on Brighid it is a great resources, just read it slowly and in digestible bites. Take notes, visualize open your minds to the insight this book offers, you may find that you learn something new and useful that you can add to your spiritual practice.

I purchased this book thinking that it would give equal attention to the ancient prechristian version on Brighid but 3/4 of the book talks of the christian version

Loved it. Long read but with a lot of well researched material. Anyone (pagan, Gaelic Traditionalist or Christian) will enjoy it.

I really feel closer to her spirit. Some of my life have crossed paths with her way.

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