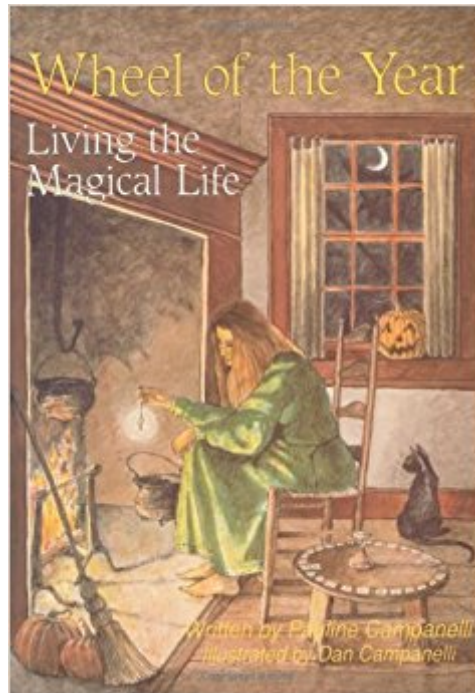




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Wheel Of The Year: Living The Magical Life



Synopsis

Discover the ancient lore, household techniques, and spiritual wisdom that will help turn every day into a time of magic, respect for all, and love of the Goddess, when you get *Wheel of the Year* by Pauline Campanelli. *Wheel of the Year* takes you on a month-by-month journey of discovery through seasonal aspects of Paganism practiced both in recent and ancient times. Just look at a few of the things shared in this gentle, loving book: For December: The Magic of Mistletoe; The Ritual Burning of the Yule Log; Magical Uses of Ashes from the Yule Fire; A Ritual for Cutting Sacred Fir; The Pagan Symbolism of Santa Claus. For March: Nine Magical Woods for the Beltane Fire; Psychic Skills for Working Magic; Making and Using the Magic (Black) Mirror; Telepathy; The Ouija Board; A Ritual for Opening the Heart Chakra. For May: Seeing Faeries; A May Wine Ritual; Symbolism of the Maypole; Sacred Marriages; Hawthorn Protection Amulet. For August: Celebration of the Grain Harvest; Ritual for Baking Sacred Bread; Making an Onion Charm; Magical Symbolism of Garlic; Natural Dyes and Inks. For October: Apple Traditions; A Hazelnut Charm; The Man in Black; Ritual Costuming and Mask Making; Divination for Samhain. This is only a small amount of the lore and a few of the many activities you will learn for each of these five months, in *Wheel of the Year*. The other seven months of the year are covered in depth, too, and each chapter has beautiful illustrations by Dan Campanelli. Whether you live in a city, suburb, or farm and whether you live by yourself, with a partner, or with a family, *Wheel of the Year* will reintroduce you to the magic that is all around you. For Wiccans, Pagans, Witches, and people interested in using the past to enhance today and the future, *Wheel of the Year* is a must.

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Customer Reviews

Wheel of the Year has a down-home flavor reminiscent of visiting close friends or family on a winter evening. Campanelli's poetic style evokes the emotions of the different seasons as she shares how her family celebrates with rituals, recipes, and crafts, from the midsummer festivals of June to the kindling of the yule log in December. Within these pages, you will find enough ideas to fill your entire year with magic. --Brian Patterson

Have you ever used a Ouija board? It's a variation on an older technique where you placed small cards, each with a letter of the alphabet, in a circle on top of a smooth, polished table. Then, you inverted a stemmed wineglass in the center of the circle. People around the table placed their fingertips on the base of the glass and it would start moving to the letters, spelling out words. It was quite the rage during the middle 1800s. You will discover further information on how to use the wineglass for divination and spirit contact, within the chapter on the month of October, in *Wheel of the Year* by Pauline Campanelli. You'll also learn about apple traditions, hazel symbolism, the Samhain circle and feast of the dead, a Wassailing ritual, the "Witching Hour," and much more. That's only for October. Each of the other months is covered, sharing magical techniques, spiritual wisdom, rituals, lore, and Pagan traditions that will help make every day special. *Wheel of the Year* is filled with the kind of ideas that are traditional and even ancient, but can make your life more fulfilling today and tomorrow. Get *Wheel of the Year* and enjoy life more.

I love reading about the sabbats so I did enjoy this book. There are some great ideas in this book for what to do during the months of the year, though I think a lot of the two and three star reviewers had some good points. I am fortunate to live in the county and have access to enough land for a garden and some herbs, but I do not have the time to do the level of gardening that the authors do in the book. It is also very location specific. Although my home in St. Louis isn't too far off in weather and climate from New Jersey, we are hundreds of miles from any beach so the midsummer information doesn't really apply to me. It did make me long for more time but it is nice to get a "feel for the season" that the authors very accurately portray. I like that they combined some of the secular practices with the spiritual ones. In short, this book is another resource. We all practice our religions differently. I would say to the city dwellers that it is still possible to do some light gardening even in apartments, so you can get in touch with nature even if you may not have the land.

This book has long been a favorite. It takes you around the Wiccan Wheel of the Year with recipes and crafts. It doesn't pretend to be anything other than it is...a simple way of living a particular path. It's not going to teach you how to be a witch or a better person. It's not going to hold your hand as you learn the Path. It just celebrates each Sabbat with simple information and an endearing sense of what works for the authors.

Poorly printed copy. I had to return due to the quality.

This book should be kept on hand for every member of the family, to be used throughout the year. Each month is introduced with a personal vignette poetically describing the beauty of nature as it manifests about the Campanelli home and its environs. Various traditions, ancient, new, and in between, are given, with the Pagan tradition being the foundation and the most elaborately treated. The delights of each season as they are observed in the author's home are described in loving detail, inviting the reader to begin their own traditions and build meaning into their own lives and homes through them. Natural symbols that abound in each month are brought to the attention, with something of their history and magical significance. Suggestions for amulets and simple ritual are presented for attunement to Nature and her rhythms. The text is nicely embellished with photos and artwork, including charts for clarity in such matters as runes, colors, and planetary correspondences. A useful book for anyone!

In the most basic way for the beginner or for those who are interested in the Wheel of the Year.

One of my favourite books from a beloved author. Simple living according to the seasons and 'things to do' in each season. Pauline and Dan did a fabulous job on this book. We miss her gentle wisdom.

Neat stuff. Entertaining read.

I like this. It gives me ideas for other times of the year when things aren't so festive. It's broken into months. I like to read the month that's coming up to get inspired.

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