

Hettford Witch Hunt Series Three Comedy Horror

In popular tradition witches were either practitioners of magic or people who were objectionable in some way, but for early European courts witches were heretics and worshippers of the Devil. This study concentrates on the period between 1300 and 1500 when ideas about witchcraft were being formed and witch-hunting was gathering momentum. It is concerned with distinguishing between the popular and learned ideas of witchcraft. The author has developed his own methodology for distinguishing popular from learned concepts, which provides adequate substantiation for the acceptance of some documents and the rejection of others. This distinction is followed by an analysis of the contents of folk tradition regarding witchcraft, the most basic feature of which is its emphasis on sorcery, including bodily harm, love magic, and weather magic, rather than diabolism. The author then shows how and why learned traditions became superimposed on popular notions – how people taken to court for sorcery were eventually convicted on the further charge of devil worship. The book ends with a description of the social context of witch accusations and witch trials.

First published in 1985, *The Subject of Tragedy* takes the drama of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries as the starting point for an analysis of the differential identities of man and woman. Catherine Belsey charts, in a range of fictional and non-fictional texts, the production in the Renaissance of a meaning for subjectivity that is identifiably modern. The subject of liberal humanism – self-determining, free origin of language, choice and action – is highlighted as the product of a specific period in which man was the subject to which woman was related.

Witchcraft practices around the world and from many periods in history are defined and explained.

This fascinating book, enriched by archive photographs from private collections, contains a terrifying assortment of true-life tales from Hertford and its surrounding villages. Featuring stories of unexplained phenomena, phantoms and poltergeists – including a blood-soaked policewoman seen in a mirror, the numerous ghosts of Haileybury College, and spectral Cromwellian soldiers – discover what lurks in the shadows of this historically rich county town. Drawing on historical and contemporary sources, and accounts which have never before been published, *Haunted Hertford* is sure to enthral everyone interested in the supernatural history of the area.

A collection of essays from leading scholars in the field that collectively study the rise and fall of witchcraft prosecutions in the various kingdoms and territories of Europe and in English, Spanish, and Portuguese colonies in the Americas.

Extensive bibliography on demonology and witchcraft systematically describing all materials -including books, monographs, conference reports and doctoral dissertations- covering these subjects subjects from the 15th century to the 21st century. 5000 entries and indices on author, subject and anonymous works. 320 b/w illustrations of title-pages.

This collection of pamphlets describes fifteen English witchcraft cases in detail, vividly recreating events to give the reader the illusion of actually being present at witchcraft accusations, trials and hangings. But how much are we victims of literary manipulation by these texts? The pamphlets are presented in annotated format, to allow the reader to decide. Some of the texts appear in print for the first time in three centuries, whilst others are newly edited to give a clearer picture of sources.

Witch Hunting and Witch Trials
The Indictments for Witchcraft from the Records of the 1373 Assizes Held from the Home Court 1559-1736
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In the sixteenth century and seventeenth centuries it was women who were almost exclusively persecuted as witches. However, the witch craze has been subjected to surprisingly little feminist analysis. In *Lewd Women and Wicked Witches*, Marianne Hester reviews and develops revolutionary feminist thinking. Accordingly, she shows how witches can be seen as victims of the oppression of a male dominated society. Concentrating on English source material, the author shows how witch-hunts may be seen as an historically specific example of male dominance. Relying on an eroticised construct of women's inferiority, they were part of the ongoing attempt by men to maintain their power over women.

As the author notes, 'The early-modern European witch-hunts were neither orchestrated massacres nor spontaneous pogroms. Alleged witches were not rounded up at night and summarily killed extra-judicially or lynched as the victims of mob justice. They were executed after trial and conviction with full legal process'. In this concise but highly-informed account of the persecution of witches Gregory Durston demonstrates what a largely ordered process was the singling-out or hunting-down of perceived offenders. How a mix of superstition, fear, belief and ready explanations for ailments, misfortune or disasters caused law, politics and religion to indulge in criminalisation and the appearance of justice. Bearing echoes of modern-day 'othering' and marginalisation of outsiders he shows how witchcraft became akin to treason (with its special rules), how evidentially speaking storms, sickness or coincidence might be attributed to conjuring, magic, curses and spells. All this reinforced by examples and detailed references to the law and practice through which a desired outcome was achieved. In another resonance with modern times, the author shows how decisions were often diverted into the hands of witch-hunters, witch-finders (including self-appointed Witchfinder General, Matthew Hopkins), witch-prickers and other experts as well as the quaintly titled 'cunning-folk' consulted by prosecutors and 'victims'. *Crimen Exceptum* (crimes apart). A straightforward and authoritative guide. Shows the rise and fall of prosecutions. Backed by a wealth of learning and research. Extract 'A range of specialist tests developed to establish that a suspect truly was a witch. These included "swimming", "pricking" ... identifying a witch's teat, requiring her to recite the Lord's Prayer or other well-known passage of scripture ... and any positive results obtained from the various techniques, such as scratching a suspect or boiling a victim's urine ... to break a spell or to identify who had cast it.'

Welcome to The Year's Best Schlock! Horror 2013, a compilation of horror stories published in Schlock! Webzine (www.schlock.co.uk) over the past year. Here you can read the work of some of the hottest new talents in horror writing today; author and independent filmmaker Birke Duncan with *Lesson Plan*, a cerebral new slant on that most popular trope of current horror, the zombie outbreak; *Suffocato Clamoribus*, a descent into the darker depths of black metal music and the New York occult scene by Benjamin Welton, freelance writer, critic, author, and poet; *Psycho-Girl* by RM DuChene, editor of the renowned *Death Throes* webzine; *Mr Baron Samedi*, a prose poem of voodoo and hoodoo by Chuck Borgia; Thaddeus J Applebee's scathing review of a paper by Smithsonian ethnomusicologist and Blackwater Jukebox frontman Geordie McElroy, *Blood cults of the Barossa*; *In Through The Outdoor* by Mark Slade, editor of *Dark Dreams* podcast and *Nightmare Illustrated* magazine; *The Three AM Crowd* by Kevin L Jones, a regular contributor to Schlock! and *Horried Press'* many anthologies; *Red Bastards* by Gary Murphy, a tale of mutants and aliens set in the author's native Cumbria; *An Autumn in Messina, 1347* by Swedish art critic and poet Mathias Jansson. And finally, an episode from James Rhodes' horror sitcom of small town diabolism, *The Hettford Witch Hunt*. And on the cover we have artwork by horror artist Stephen Cooney. Enjoy! Gavin Chappell (Editor).

Witchcraft: The Basics is an accessible and engaging introduction to the scholarly study of witchcraft, exploring the phenomenon of witchcraft from its earliest definitions in the Middle Ages through to its resonances in the modern world. Through the use of two case studies, this book delves into the emergence of the witch as a harmful figure within western thought and traces the representation of witchcraft throughout history, analysing the roles of culture, religion, politics, gender and more in the evolution and enduring role of witchcraft. Key topics discussed

within the book include: The role of language in creating and shaping the concept of witchcraft The laws and treatises written against witchcraft The representation of witchcraft in early modern literature The representation of witchcraft in recent literature, TV and film Scholarly approaches to witchcraft through time The relationship between witchcraft and paganism With an extensive further reading list, summaries and questions to consider at the end of each chapter, *Witchcraft: The Basics* is an ideal introduction for anyone wishing to learn more about this controversial issue in human culture, which is still very much alive today.

This is a classic regional and comparative study of early modern witchcraft. The history of witchcraft continues to attract attention with its emotive and contentious debates. The methodology and conclusions of this book have impacted not only on witchcraft studies but the entire approach to social and cultural history with its quantitative and anthropological approach. The book provides an important case study on Essex as well as drawing comparisons with other regions of early modern England. The second edition of this classic work adds a new historiographical introduction, placing the book in context today.

Witchcraft and magical beliefs have captivated historians and artists for millennia, and stimulated an extraordinary amount of research among scholars in a wide range of disciplines. This new collection, from the editor of the highly acclaimed 1992 set, *Articles on Witchcraft, Magic, and Demonology*, extends the earlier volumes by bringing together the most important articles of the past twenty years and covering the profound changes in scholarly perspective over the past two decades. Featuring thematically organized papers from a broad spectrum of publications, the volumes in this set encompass the key issues and approaches to witchcraft research in fields such as gender studies, anthropology, sociology, literature, history, psychology, and law. This new collection provides students and researchers with an invaluable resource, comprising the most important and influential discussions on this topic. A useful introductory essay written by the editor precedes each volume.

On the morning after he has celebrated his 60th birthday party at a celebrity-filled party, Ned Marriott is in bed with his partner, Emma, when there's a knock on the door. Detectives from the London police force's 'Operation Millpond' have come to arrest him over an allegation of sexual assault. Ned is one of the country's best-known historians - teaching at a leading university, advising governments and making top-rating TV documentaries - but this 'historic' claim from someone the cops insist on calling 'the victim' threatens him with personal and professional ruin and potential imprisonment. Professor Marriott would normally turn for support to Tom Pimm, his closest friend at the university, but Tom has just been informed that a secret investigation has raised anonymous complaints, which may end Dr Pimm's career. Swinging between fear, bewilderment and anger, Ned and Tom must try to defend themselves against the allegations, and hope that no others are made. The two men's families and friends are forced to question what they know and think. Can the complainants, detectives, HR teams, journalists and Tweeters who are driving the stories all be seeing smoke that has no fire behind it? By turns shocking and comic, reportorial and thoughtful, *The Allegations* startlingly and heart-breakingly captures a contemporary culture in which allegations are easily made and reputations casually destroyed. Asking readers to decide who they believe, it explores a modern nightmare that could happen, in some way, to anyone whose view of personal history may differ from someone else's.

THE PULPATEERS is the third anthology produced by internationally notorious Schlock! Webzine. This time contributors were required to pen old-style pulp stories based on the formula developed by Lester Dent, schlock-supremo of the 20s and 30s, creator of Doc Savage and other precursors to enduring pulp heroes such as Superman. The results? A shocking tale of what lurks beneath a violent contemporary US city by MARTIN SLAG; exotic, swashbuckling Islamic adventure and cosmic horror from DAMIR SALKOVIC; two-fisted detective intrigue and thuggery beneath the sea from Schlock! loyalist JAMES RHODES; animal wizardry from a world beyond books in JOSEPH BANETH ALLEN's tribute to the late Andre Norton; girls being girls with unfortunate extra-terrestrial consequences from SERGIO PALUMBO (plus indefatigable editorial assistance from MICHELE DUTCHER); Hilltop Manor's history of terror from Horrified Press editor NATHAN J.D.L. ROWARK; voodoo and hoodoo from punk rock guru and Artifix Records owner GREG McWHORTER; the terrors to be found within an infinity mirror from journalist and martial artist MICHAEL LIZARRAGA; split seconds of tragically futile time travel from FLORENCE ANN MARLOW, a self-confessed next door neighbour to the Jersey Devil; and a greaser's deal with the Devil from the mighty TODD NELSEN. Cover illustration by Stephen Cooney and interiors by Joseph Brady, lead vocalist and bass player of old school punk rock band Scanner. *Witchcraft, Witch-hunting, and Politics in Early Modern England* constitutes a wide-ranging and original overview of the place of witchcraft and witch-hunting in the broader culture of early modern England. Based on a mass of new evidence extracted from a range of archives, both local and national, it seeks to relate the rise and decline of belief in witchcraft, alongside the legal prosecution of witches, to the wider political culture of the period. Building on the seminal work of scholars such as Stuart Clark, Ian Bostridge, and Jonathan Barry, Peter Elmer demonstrates how learned discussion of witchcraft, as well as the trials of those suspected of the crime, were shaped by religious and political imperatives in the period from the passage of the witchcraft statute of 1563 to the repeal of the various laws on witchcraft. In the process, Elmer sheds new light upon various issues relating to the role of witchcraft in English society, including the problematic relationship between puritanism and witchcraft as well as the process of decline.

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DIVIDIVThe late seventeenth and eighteenth centuries are known as the Age of Enlightenment, a time of science and reason. But in this illuminating book, Paul Monod reveals the surprising extent to which Newton, Boyle, Locke, and other giants of rational thought and empiricism also embraced the spiritual, the magical, and the occult./divDIV /divDIVAlthough public acceptance of occult and magical practices waxed and waned during this period they survived underground, experiencing a considerable revival in the mid-eighteenth century with the rise of new antiestablishment religious denominations. The occult spilled over into politics with the radicalism of the French Revolution and into literature in early Romanticism. Even when official disapproval was at its strongest, the evidence points to a growing audience for occult publications as well as to subversive popular enthusiasm.

Ultimately, finds Monod, the occult was not discarded in favor of "reason" but was incorporated into new forms of learning. In that sense, the occult is part of the modern world, not simply a relic of an unenlightened past, and is still with us today./div/div Covering witch hunts from Germany to New England, this concise encyclopedia is a fascinating reference on the hunt to find and persecute those who practiced witchcraft.

The *Ebbs and Flows of Fortune* is the first comprehensive biography of Norfolk. In this study David M. Head confronts the central paradox of Norfolk's career - one that lies in his unpleasant personality, marked by vain and tyrannical behavior. Ultimately these flaws prohibited him from achieving the social position he believed was owed to him, mainly because of his family's status and wealth. Essentially a conservative, socially and religiously, Norfolk was uncomfortable with reformation ideology and the "low-

brow" men of the court. The duke sought a primary position within the court on the model of that earned by Cromwell and Wolsey but was unwilling to perform the sustained hard work required to achieve that stature. By the 1540s Norfolk was probably the richest man in England, but nonetheless, at the hands of Cromwell and Wolsey, he was repeatedly exiled from the court for emotional excesses. He found himself assigned to posts at considerable distances from the crown - military assignments in France and diplomatic appointments to Ireland and Scotland. While in France he illustrated the cruelty of his character by hanging dozens of men and lamenting his lack of authority to execute more.

An exploration of the cultural contexts of law-breaking and criminal prosecution in England, 1550-1750.

Explores the important aspects of popular cultures during the period 1550 to 1750. Barry Reay investigates the dominant beliefs and attitudes across all levels of society as well as looking at different age, gender and religious groups.

Walkern, 1712. England has been free from witch-hunts for decades until Jane Wenham is blamed for a tragic death and charged with witchcraft. A terrifying ordeal begins, as the village is torn between those who want to save Jane's life and those who claim they want to save her soul. Inspired by events in a Hertfordshire village, the play explores sex and society's hunger to find and create witches. Rebecca Lenkiewicz's *Jane Wenham: The Witch of Walkern* premiered at Watford Palace Theatre before going on UK tour in September 2015, in an Out of Joint, Watford Palace Theatre and Arcola Theatre co-production, in association with Eastern Angles.

FEATURING STORIES BY:-Chuck Borgia-James Rhodes-Todd Nelsen-Michael Lizarraga-Obsidian Mercurio Tesla -Sergio Palumbo and Michele Dutcher-John L. Campbell-Rob Bliss-Gavin Chappell-C Priest Brumley On 3 June 2012, Schlock! Webzine announced the TIMELESS WORLDS competition, open to all readers of the zine. This anthology is the result; the winning entries of the contest are published alongside the best stories of the previous few months. Inside you will find tales of other worlds, some beyond the stars, others a shadow's breadth away from our own: a horror writer whose ambition leads him to the ultimate horror; a story of love and replicants; intergalactic boxing champs; abuse and revenge; demonic justice; homelessness and hidden roads; dying planets; high class horror; worlds of hope and despair; and a noirish quest for justice in an alternative cyberspace. Welcome to TIMELESS WORLDS!

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THIS WEEK Schlock! Webzine is celebrating four years as purveyors of the finest schlock horror, fantasy and science fiction. We begin with a story of a private investigator and his voyage to the bottom of the sea from first ever Schlock contributor James Rhodes, author of *The Hettford Witch Hunt* series and short story *This Is What's Happening*, followed by a post-apocalyptic superhero tale from Gary Murphy. Next we have a new horror tale from Gregory KH Bryant, whose B-Movie horror epic *Terror on Snail Island* reaches Part Eleven elsewhere in the zine, followed by *Death Comes in Kaleidoscope* from Benjamin Welton. We also see a horrific return from Rick McQuiston, while I've included the first story I wrote, back when I was fifteen and being thirty four was far ahead, not behind me (previously featured in issue 3). We also begin a new serial, *The Jewel of the Seven Stars* by Bram Stoker, adapted by Hammer Horror in the seventies as *Blood from the Mummy's Tomb*. And in chapter two of *A Connecticut Yankee at King Arthur's Court*, our hero encounters a page.

This book is a collection of essays on Scottish witchcraft and witch-hunting, which covers the whole period of the Scottish witch-hunt, from the mid-16th century to the early 18th. It particularly emphasizes the later stages, since scholars are now as keen to explain why witch-hunting declined as why it occurred. There are studies of particular witchcraft panics, including a reassessment of the role of King James VI. The book thus covers a wide range of topics concerned with Scottish witch-hunting - and also places it in the context of other topics: gender relations, folklore, magic and healing, and moral regulation by church and state.

Originally published in 1929, the author presents a formidable collection of facts, brought together in a scholarly manner. This is an examination of the general history of witchcraft, its changing laws and legal procedures, as well as methods of interrogation and punishment. This book must be considered an essential reference work for every student of witch lore. *The European Witch-Hunt* seeks to explain why thousands of people, mostly lower-class women, were deliberately tortured and killed in the name of religion and morality during three centuries of intermittent witch-hunting throughout Europe and North America. Combining perspectives from history, sociology, psychology and other disciplines, this book provides a comprehensive account of witch-hunting in early modern Europe. Julian Goodare sets out an original interpretation of witch-hunting as an episode of ideologically-driven persecution by the 'godly state' in the era of the Reformation and Counter-Reformation. Full weight is also given to the context of village social relationships, and there is a detailed analysis of gender issues. Witch-hunting was a legal operation, and the courts' rationale for interrogation under torture is explained. Panicking local elites, rather than central governments, were at the forefront of witch-hunting. Further chapters explore folk beliefs about legendary witches, and intellectuals' beliefs about a secret conspiracy of witches in league with the Devil. Witch-hunting eventually declined when the ideological pressure to combat the Devil's allies slackened. A final chapter sets witch-hunting in the context of other episodes of modern persecution. This book is the ideal resource for students exploring the history of witch-hunting. Its level of detail and use of social theory also make it important for scholars and researchers.

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