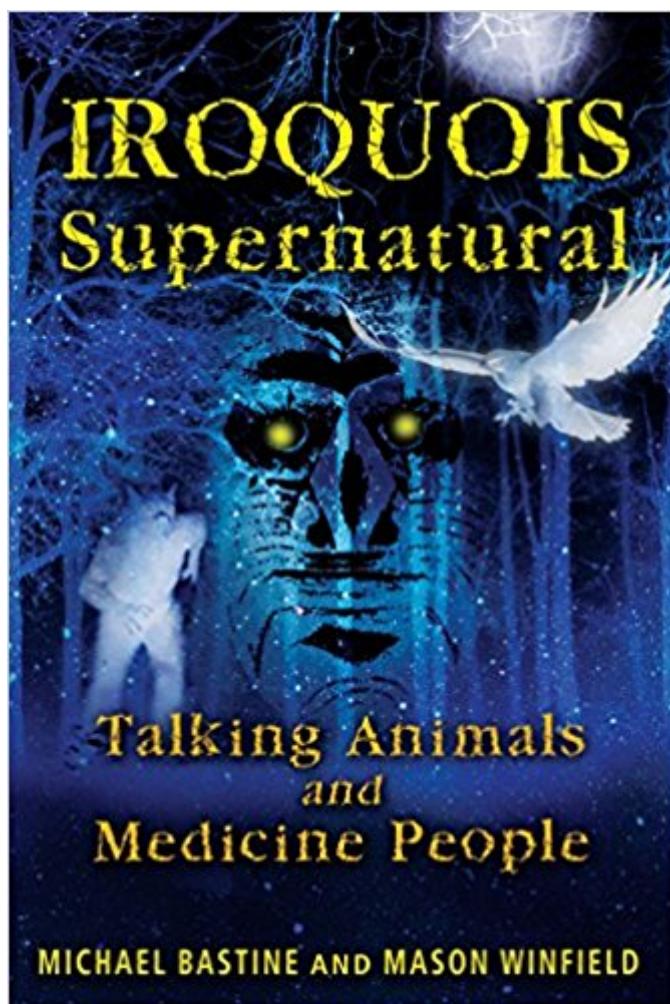


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Iroquois Supernatural: Talking Animals And Medicine People



Synopsis

Brings the paranormal beings and places of the Iroquois folklore tradition to life through historic and contemporary accounts of otherworldly encounters. Recounts stories of shapeshifting witches, giant flying heads, enchanted masks, ethereal lights, talking animals, Little People, spirit-choirs, potent curses, and haunted hills, roads, and battlefields. Includes accounts of miraculous healings by shamans and medicine people such as Mad Bear and Ted Williams. Shows how these traditions can help one see the richness of the world and help those who have lost the chants of their own ancestors. With a rich history reaching back more than one thousand years, the six nations of the Iroquois Confederacy--the Mohawk, the Oneida, the Onondaga, the Cayuga, the Seneca, and the Tuscarora--are considered to be the most avid storytellers on earth with a collection of tales so vast it would dwarf those of any other society. Covering nearly the whole of New York State from the Hudson and Mohawk River Valleys westward across the Finger Lakes region to Niagara Falls and Salamanca, this mystical culture's supernatural tradition is the psychic bedrock of the Northeast, yet their treasury of tales and beliefs is largely unknown and their most powerful sacred sites unrecognized. Assembling the lore and beliefs of this guarded spiritual legacy, Michael Bastine and Mason Winfield share the stories they have collected of both historic and contemporary encounters with beings and places of Iroquois legend: shapeshifting witches, strange forest creatures, ethereal lights, vampire zombies, cursed areas, dark magicians, talking animals, enchanted masks, and haunted hills, roads, and battlefields as well as accounts of miraculous healings by medicine people such as Mad Bear and Ted Williams. Grounding their tales with a history of the Haudenosaunee, the People of the Long House, the authors show how the supernatural beings, places, and customs of the Iroquois live on in contemporary paranormal experience, still surfacing as startling and sometimes inspiring reports of otherworldly creatures, haunted sites, after-death messages, and mystical visions. Providing a link with America's oldest spiritual roots, these stories help us more deeply know the nature and super-nature around us as well as offer spiritual insights for those who can no longer hear the chants of their own ancestors.

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“Iroquois Supernatural the perfect vehicle to transport readers to this shaded and forgotten land to study its treasures of wisdom.” (Midwest Book Review, October 2011) “...this book strikes a pleasant mix between scholarly research and earnest fascination with these stories of super natural happenings in the New York state area. It’s clear that all the research done was a labor of love on the part of both authors...Iroquois Supernatural is a solid introduction to the lore with cool campfire stories mixed in, intelligent but not pedantic.” (Kestrel Trueseeker, Witches and Pagans, October 2012)

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The authors have created an outstanding work on Iroquois magical beliefs in a meaty work of broad scope. Curses, magical warfare, supernatural beings, shape shifting, and ancient native beliefs are well researched and presented. One of the big pluses of this work is the authors' intimate and long standing interest in the subjects presented. They also personally KNOW and have met and talked with many of the contemporary characters in the book. They are extremely familiar with the land, and places discussed and have personally visited many of the weird and fortean locations across the state of New York. This personal touch is far beyond many other books merely re-presenting things that other people have wrote about and adds greatly to the book. The authors have also done their historical research very well and present amazing stories. Anyone interested in Northeastern paranormal and fortean events, or Native American magical beliefs will be both entranced and chilled by this work. Another big plus that I enjoyed is the frequent relation of Iroquois paranormal to paranormal parallels in other cultures around the world. This is a testament to the commitment and broad thinking of the authors. An unexpected added bonus for me was the incisive review of Iroquois history, of all 6 tribes, from first European contact up to the present time, to establish the platform for all to come, in the beginning of the book. I have been a devotee of Iroquois history since I first read "The Bloody Mohawk", as a preteen, and this book was a complete joy to read from start to finish. The authors show a command of the subject, a respect for the native culture, a masterly ability to analyze, and healthy orientation of belief/ questioning. If you have interests in this area, this is a great book.

"Iroquois Supernatural" by Michael Bastine and Mason Winfield. The book is an enlightening panorama of Iroquois supernatural beliefs and mysticism and folklore, and is written in the voice of Winfield, a "Haunted History" type of national renown. The author(s) have succeeded in presenting

the reader with a usable-yet-flexible "organization" of Iroquois spiritualistic thought and lore from which the reader can derive refreshing insights into Iroquoian culture (and other indigenous American cultures as well). Of equal interest and usefulness are the authors' discussions comparing spiritualistic lore of cultures worldwide and the authors' admirable attempts to provide the reader with working definitions of the many terms (eg., shaman, gnomes, ghosts, etc.) that get distorted by geographical differences or, in some cases, modern era linguistic "shorthand". The authors do very little in the way of preaching and a lot in the way of explaining and educating. Regardless of your own cultural background you will recognize at least some elements discussed in "Iroquois Supernatural" as being "quite close to home". It is a well-done, light and enjoyable read.

Many people know little of the Iroquois people or their Algonquin neighbors and their beliefs. Too many modern Americans think most native people live out west in the desert southwest or plains states. The Six Nations live in New York state right in the shadow of modern Mega America NYC. They have had as a people great impact on the founding of this nation and our history. This book gets in to past and present folk beliefs and native views of many mysterious happenings. I grew up in northern PA close to Seneca country and know many of these stories are not myths or silly stories. Mr. Bastine the co-author was a student of the famous Tuscarora medicine man Mad Bear Anderson. Mad Bear was a powerful medicine person and activist for native people and the earth. One thing that struck me about this book was the authors understanding of many ancient Celtic beliefs, and how the Iroquois and Algonquin people see some of the same things in a very similar way. Buy the book, enjoy the read, and learn some interesting things. I hope the two authors team up again to write another book on the Algonquin peoples folk beliefs.

This was a great read. If you love all things native and supernatural, then this is a must-have! The passages with Mad Bear are priceless. This book covers all aspects of Iroquois beliefs, from witches to the False Faces, to even the Little People. Even if you do not believe in these types of things, this book takes you to someplace else, and maybe that is what we all need now and then! Native legends from long ago to the present, this is a very good, entertaining book. (one which I did not want to end!) Highly recommended!

Imaginative, yet unbelievable. The stories are unlikely to have any basis in true Iroquois mythology. They might make good campfire stories for impressionable and wanna-believers, but that's about it. The one takeaway, which is not ever mentioned, is that the real Iroquois carefully guard their

supernatural beliefs and will tell gullible writers anything they want to hear. Readers be well advised to take this with a healthy dose of skepticism.

This book is awesome, very interesting, and a must read if your into native american history in the Upstate NewYork area and especially if you are interested in native american supernatural/folklore and medicine. I gained a ton of knowledge from this book, causing myself love native american history even more. A great read with lots of native american facts spoken from native americans themselves.

Excellent book on Iroquois Witches and other supernatural stories.. It is complete and explains why witches and sorcerers were not allowed into their villages. The Iroquois even had their own witch trials. interesting.

No matter how old the stories are, I love that the information is still available. The stories in tis book are beautiful and eerie at the same time. I absolutely love it!

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