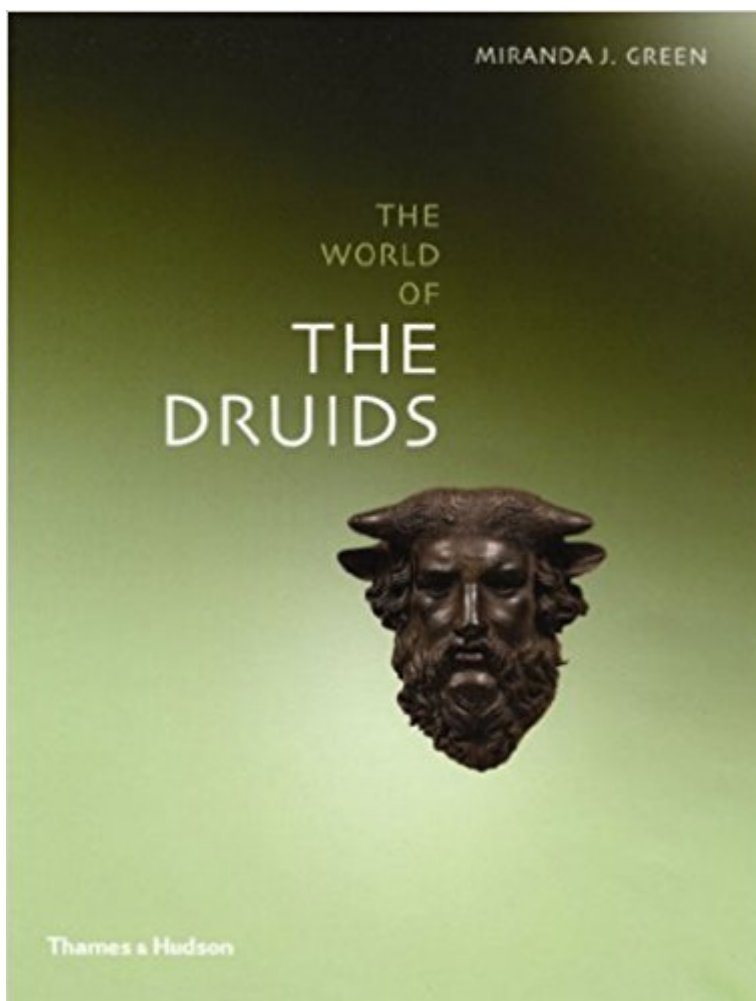


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"Copiously illustrated well written, thoughtful, and thought-provoking."Library Journal In this authoritative account, Miranda Green unravels the truth about the Druids. Examining the archaeological evidence, Classical commentaries, and early Welsh and Irish myths, she shows that the Druids were fully integrated into Celtic society and fulfilled varied and necessary roles. The Roman writers reflected the double standards of an invading society: condemning the public sacrifice of enemies by the Druids while accepting their own practice of slaughter for sport as civilized. Yet the Classical sources can be used to help reveal the real Druids, and we learn of their multiple roles as judges, teachers, healers, magicians, philosophers, religious leaders, and fomenters of rebellion. This book traces the history of the Druids from their beginnings to their resurrection during the Renaissance. Complete with timeline and gazetteer, the book will appeal to all those scholar, general reader, or New Age enthusiast who are fascinated by the Druids and their world. 291 illustrations, 51 in color.

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In this copiously illustrated book, Green (*Dictionary of Celtic Myth and Legend*, LJ 3/1/92) discusses the Druids in depth. She begins by analyzing the classical writings on Druids. She also discusses the role of historical and archaeological analysis, showing how little is known and how scholarly inquiry may or may not arrive at the truth, particularly since the Druids based their learning and training on memorization and the oral tradition. The author examines the archaeological finds and

the conclusions drawn from that. She discusses the Druid resurgence in the 19th century and the Druids' role in the 20th-century neopagan movement. Well written, thoughtful, and thought-provoking, this work would make an excellent companion to John Matthews's *The Druid Source Book* (Sterling, 1996). Highly recommended. Gail Wood, SUNY Coll. of Technology Lib., Alfred
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"Copiously illustrated ... well written, thoughtful, and thought-provoking."

The *World of the Druids* is one of those books I checked out from the library and decided that I needed to own it. In fact I believe I read it 5 times before recently purchasing it. It is a very good overview of the Celts, their Druids, their gods, religion and society. Included are also sections on modern day Druidism and even Neo-Paganism. The imagery, tables, and artwork add to the appeal of the book. The *World of the Druids* is a great book for those interested in the Druids and of the Celts and those who would like solid information devoid of the romantic interpretation first put forward in the 18th century. Don't get me wrong, the book does indeed touch on the romantic interpretations of the Druids yet separates such views to place them in context. The book definitely clears-up much misinformation on the Druids, their belief structures, and forms of worship. Green is very careful to point out what we know and what we don't know concerning the Celts and their religion. If you are fascinated by all things Celtic, Druidic, or even a lover of mythology, religion, and ancient history, then this is a book you will likely want to have in your collection.

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Useful and informative volume.

My first impression of this book was, "Oh, a nice coffee table conversation starter." True, it is lavishly illustrated and at first blush seems superficial. However it contains a world of information and weaves into the tapestry the latest scholarship on the Celts and pre-celts and their spiritual background which forms the foundation for neo-Druid practices and beliefs. To anyone new-come to the study of pagan/Druid roots and background, this is a wonderful place to begin. Ms. Green has created a wonderful blend of the readable and profoundly informative in an attractive and approachable package.

I found this book to be an excellent reference for my druid studies. If there is anything about it to be improved I would tell the publisher that the choice of font size and non-boldness of the printing caused me a lot of eye strain. It was worth it though and I expect this book will be a companion to me for many years.

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