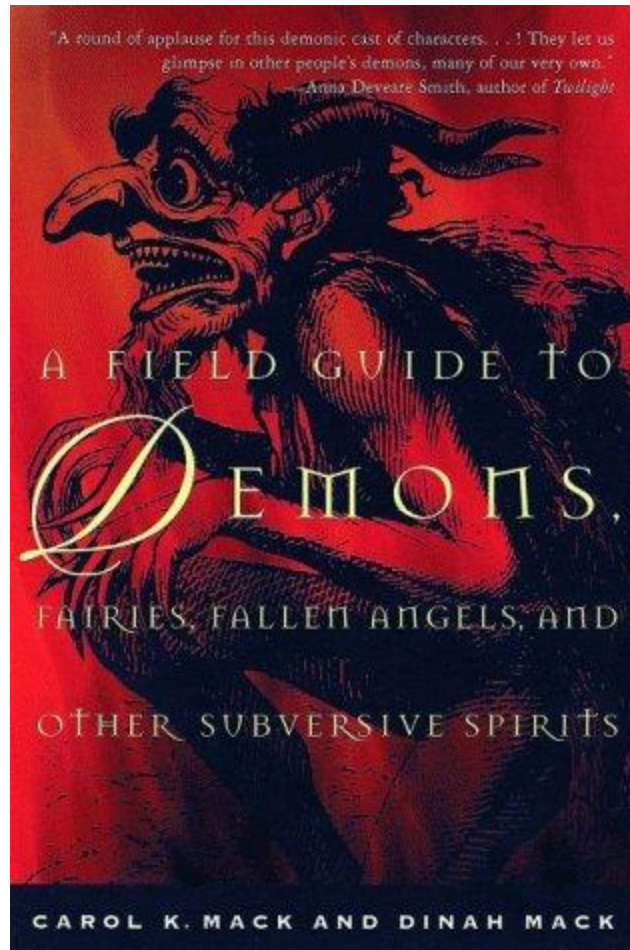


# A Field Guide to Demons, Fairies, Fallen Angels and Other Subversive Spirits by Dinah Mack



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The Macks divert our gaze from our contemporary red-faced, cloven-hoofed misrepresentation of demons to remind us of the ancient roles demons were originally assigned to play. From the Tommyknockers of North American mountain mines to the South African Mbulu that waits in the river for lone travelers, *A Field Guide to Demons* classifies these creatures by their domains--water, mountain, forest--rather than in alphabetical or cultural order, dishing out antique and contemporary lore on these most misunderstood of spirits. *A Field Guide to Demons* melds folklore and mythology; maintains a surprisingly evenhanded view of demons; and reveals their role as the necessary challenger to established order, the antagonist--without which there could be no hero--and the darkness through which goodness shines brightest. --Brian Patterson

I was pleasantly surprised at the range and number of little nasties in this book. It includes many i would not think to be here, and shows how many are alike. As some other have said, it doesnt go in depth, which would have been nice, but it DOES say how to defeat them, which i can attest work.

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